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Islamic Jihad member detained

AMMAN (AP) - Jordanian security officials have detained a fundamentalist Palestinian in connection with a weekend rocket attack against Israeli positions, family members said Wednesday. A security official said Mamoun Tamimi, 31, head of the military wing of the fundamentalist Palestinian Islamic Jihad-Beit Al Magdes, was taken into custody Tuesday. The official said interrogation was underway. Sheikh Tamimi's father, Sheikh Assad Bayyoud, said "my son was arrested apparently because he masterminded the attack against the Israeli enemy four days ago."
The group Saturday issued a statement in Lebanon claiming responsibility for firing five Katyusha rockets at Israeli positions in South Lebanon, Material damage was reported, but there were no casualties.

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TUNIS (AFP) — Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has met here with Norwegian Foreign Minister Johan Joergen Holst to discuss Middle East peace moves and developments on the Israelioccupied territories, the Palesti-nian news gency WAFA re-ported. The agency said Mr. Arafat on Tuesday told Mr. Holst of the "deterioration" in the situation on the West Bank and Gaza Strip caused by a blockade on the occupied territories imposed by Israel at the end of March, Mr. Arafat, according to WAFA, spelled out the Palestinian position on Middle East peace and described the "obstacles" that hampered the last round of negotiations with Israel in Washington. Mr. Holst, who arrived in Tunis Sunday, also met with Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali and Tunisian counterpart Habib Ben Yahia.

Egypt postpones trial of blind cleric

CAIRO (R) — An Egyptian court has postponed the trial of Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman and his followers until September, security sources said Wednesday. They said an appeals court decided Tuesday to adjourn the trial to review a petition to remove Judge Ahmad Ashmawi. It will also give Egypt's embassy in the United States time to issue an official summons to Sheikh Abdul Rahman, currently detained three, the sources said.

Kurdish rebels ready to free tourists

NICOSIA (AP) — Kurdish re-bels said Wednesday they would free two British tourists abducted in southeastern Turkey 10 days ago if the Turkish government agreed to a ceasefire to ensure their safety. The rebels' news agency, Kurd-Ha, also urged humanitarian groups, such as the International Red Cross, to mediate a truce and take delivery of the Britons — David Rowbottom, 27, an engineer, and his cousin, Tania Miller, 27, a nurse. The agency quoted Abu Bekir, whom it identified as the rebels' local commander in Garzan, as saying that in the absence of a ceasefire, the Turkish army 'will try to execute the tourists and blame this on us." The couple went missing July 4 while cycling in embattled mountains in southeastern Turkey.

Two sentenced to death in Algeria

ALGIERS (R) - A special Algerian court trying Muslim activists has sentenced two men to death for threatening state security, the official news agency APS said Wednesday. The court in the western town of Oran also sentenced seven other defendants to jail terms ranging from five to 12 years. APS said the convicted men were members of an underground group preparing to carry out sabotage operations in the town of Tlemcen near Oran where they were arrested in October. About 150 activists have been sentenced to death since early last year, the start of violence blamed on Muslim activists. Six of them were executed at the beginning of this year.

Palestinians seek full jurisdiction in territories

Combined agency despatches

AMMAN - Palestinians, in a four-point draft handed to Washington, have insisted they should control the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Arab East Jerusalem during interim self-rule, Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) sources said Wednes-

The PLO-formulated draft was handed to Dennis Ross, overall coordinator of the Middle East peace process, during a regional tour to try to rescue the faltering talks and bridge Palestinian-Israeli differences over self-

A PLO source summarised the four points for Reuters in Amman as follows:

— It is a general principle that the substance of discussions on territorial jurisdiction in the interim phase of negotiations will not affect the question of sovereignty in the negoriarions over the final status of the occupied territories.

- The negotiations on the interim phase will not prejudge the result of the negotiarions on the permanent status of the occupied territories.

On the other hand, both negosolutions 242 and 338 in all their

- The Palestinian authority

tion to work to ease tension in

South Lebanon, where five

Israeli soldiers were killed last

week, diplomatic sources here

Security sources in the south

said meanwhile, that Israel had

deployed almost 450 extra troops

and 22 heavy artillery pieces as

well as dozens of tanks and

armoured vehicles across from

the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Val-

Israeli planes staged mock raids on eastern Lebanon

Wednesday as Israel's cabinet

Witnesses said pro-Iranian Hiz-

bollah gunners, apparently to

avoid exposing their positions,

held their fire against the planes

staging mock raids against targets

Palestinian and Hizbollah (Par-

ty of God) guerrillas have been

on high alert for Israeli strikes to

avenge the killings in south Leba-

Combined agency despatches

MOGADISHU - Somali fight-

ers distributed leaflets Wednes-

day warning of an impending arrack on American forces, and

some aid workers reported a flow

of weapons into the tense capital.

the leaflets, signed by a previous-

ly unknown group, the Muslim Voice, were believed to be the

first printed in the Somali lan-

guage with an English translation

and others.

Somalia.

mand in Mogadishu.

- an apparent attempt to gain attention from foreign reporters

"We appeal to all countries of

the multinational force to stay far

from the American sites in Moga-

dishu. We are going to launch an

attack to the American com-

pounds," read the translation.

Meanwhile, differences surfaced over Italy's threat to with-

draw its troops from Mogadishu

in a row with Washington and the

United Nations over the conduct

of the U.N. military mission in

The United Nations called on

Although such militant propaganda is not new in Mogadishu,

Israeli security sources said

Israel's inner cabinet met to dis- Lebanon.

Somalis on warpath as

rift appears in U.N.

discussed possible retaliation for

the last week's killings.

in the Bekaa Valley.

non last week.

said Wednesday.

Syria, Israel agree

Combined agency despatches cuss possible retaliation as U.S.

BEIRUT — Syria and Israeli have agreed through U.S. media-deadlock at Arab-Israeli peace

talks.

to 'ease tension'

will exert its territorial jurisdiction over occupied territories that were not under Israeli administration before June 4, 1967 (a day before the Middle East war), including Jerusalem.

- The occupied territories will be a single enrity with one legal

Another PLO source said Palestinians made it clear to Mr. Ross they were ready to discuss "functional exceptions" pre-sented by Israel. But would not accept any territorial comprom-

Mr. Ross flew back home from Israel Wednesday after intensive talks with Arab, Israeli and Palestinian leaders to save the 20-month-old talks amid no explicit signs of progress.

His team had aimed to conclude a joint declaration of principles between Israelis and Palestinians that would pave the way for a self-rule agreement, a key point stalling the process.

Both Palestinians and Israelis

said they proposed their own versions of a June 30 U.S. document - which neither side liked - meant to narrow differences over self-rule.

The central issues in dispute are the territorial boundaries of tiations are directed to achieve an interim five-year, self-rule the implementation of U.N. rewhether Arab Jerusalem will be included. Talks on the final status of the territories should begin in

peace mediators left the Middle

But Israeli officials have played

down chances of a large-scale

operation against the Lebanon-

based guerrillas and have been

emphasising the advantages of

tion of tension in southern Leba-

non was raised," spokesman Gad Ben Ari told AFP.

According to a Western diplomat in Beirut, U.S. Middle East

Envoy Dennis Ross has con-

vinced Syrian President Hafez Al

Assad and Mr. Rabin to "calm

down the situation."
Israeli officials said Mr. Rabin

had asked Mr. Ross, who on

Wednesday ended a six-day tour

aimed at breaking a deadlock in Middle East peace talks, to help

curb anti-Israeli attacks in South

diplomatic pressure.

ern Lebanon.

On returning to Washington, Mr. Ross was to advise U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher on whether it would be useful to make a trip to the region later this month.

In Washington State Department spokesman Michael McCurry said while there are no current plans for Mr. Warren Christopher to visit the Middle East, the possibility is being assessed on a day-to-day basis.

"I think you've heard me often say here that the secretary has no plans at the moment to travel and that remains true," Mr. McCurry said. "I think you've also heard the secretary himself say that he believes that by Labour Day it's hard to imagine he will not have been to the

region.
"That is something we are assessing on a day-by-day basis," the spokesman said. The secretary talked by telephone late July 12 with Ambassador Ross.

Later, a senior U.S. official told reporters that as each day passes, it becomes less likely that Mr. Christopher would go to the Middle East before he flies to Asia for a meeting in Singapore late this month. At present, he is expected to leave Washington about July 24 on that trip. Mr. Ross is expected to continue talks in

Jerash festival opened

for Her Majesty Queen Noor, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdulla and Princess Rania Wednesday opened the 12th Jerash Festival for Culture and

In occupied Jerusalem, Israeli Akram Masarweb delivered an Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's address welcoming Their Royal Higbnesses and thanking spokesman denied any agreement existed between Israel, Syria and Queen Noor, chairperson of the Higher National Committee of Lebanon to restore calm in south-"I can say only that during meetings with Mr. Ross the questhe Festival.

The festival, Mr. Masarweh said, aims to revive the cultural and artistic life h. Jordan and to illuminate Jordanian foik-

also delivered an address lauding the festival for making his city a meeting place of cultures and civilisations, and an event which contributes to boosting relations between the Jordanians and other peoples of the

Prince Abdullah and Princess Rania attended the opening night — "A Jordanian Night" at the South Theatre of the Greeco-Roman city. The 17-day festival will include per-formances and shows by Jordanian and Arab singers, dance troupes and theatre groups.

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JERASH (Petra) — Deputising

Arts. Festival Director General

Jerash Mayor Ali Kokazeh

, But the official Baghdad press

"Depriving Iraq of its defensive capabiliries would sharpen the appetite of Iran and other regional forces to embark on expansionist policies. This would throw the region once again into

"It is for these reasons that the tragis are so sensitive about any attempt that might appear to be a

Washington and the United Nations have left open the option of military action following Iraq's refusal to let U.N. experts set up surveillance cameras at two missile test sites south of Baghdad or

The ruling Baath Party newspaper. Al Thawra, said dialogue was the only way to resolve the crisis and noted that Iraq had proposed the missile testing equipment be moved to another

with eliminaring Iraq's weapons

But Al Thawra argued that discussion on U.N. Resolution 715, calling for long-term monitoring, was "illegal" before the lifting of the embargo in force since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in

On Tuesday, Iraqi Industry Minister Amer Hammudi Al

Mr. Ekeus was due in Bahrain

late Wednesday.
Mr. Ekeus, head of the U.N. military action.

King meets military students

The King left Amman Friday, one day after he was discharged from hospital where he underwent treatment for an irregular heartbeau problem, which doctors said

was not serious. It was not known whether the King will undergo surgery for an eardrum problem.

During his stay in London, the King received phone calls from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi

circumstances and new develop-

ments in Jordan. He said that

democracy will continue to pre-

vail, thanks to the new laws which

legalised political parties and

professional unions the burden of

expressing the political views,

and opened the way for them to

direct all their efforts and poten-

tials towards serving their own

members within the framework

of the profession and improving

the profession and the perform-

ance of the union members

through organising their work

and ensuring their rights so as to

contribute towards further prog-

The presidents of the following

associations attended the meet-

ress in Jordan," he said.

These laws have saved the

political activities.

Majali: Jordan does not have 'political detainees'

'Public demonstrations unnecessary in view of liberal laws could infiltrate the marchers." said that the legislation bureau at tively and constructively with the

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdul Salam al Majali said Wednesday that he was not aware about any "political de-tainees" in Jordan in the real sense of the term, but that those who work against the security of the state and the Jordanian people under a political pretext faced imprisonment.

Addressing a meeting with the council of presidents of Jordanian professional associations at his office, Dr. Majali said "those charged with acting against the country are being dealt with by

the State Security Court."
Dr. Majali said he supported

the idea of free expression. "Street demonstrations in the past were the sole means of expressing ideas and views but now that the Press and Publications Law has been made enacted along with the Political Parties Law, which allow people to express their views in many different ways, I do not favour street demonstrations," he said.

The prime minister said that "certain factions who are acting against democracy and harbour evil for the country's security ulations pertaining to profession-al associations, the prime minister

Referring to possible amendments to the Election Law, Dr. Majali said the government had not yet discussed this subject.

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majes-

ty King Hussein met Tuesday

in London with the commandant and the steering commit-tee of the Royal College of

Defence Studies in London.

During the meeting, the

King outlined the Jordanian

position regarding the current situation in the Middle East,

the latest developments in the

ongoing peace process and in-

ternational affairs, the Jordan

Information Bureau in London

Earlier, the commandant of

"There is no importance for my personal view, but if we want to practise freedom and true democracy the way to deal with this subject, as His Majesty King Hussein had said in his recent dialogue with the Senate members, is through continued dialogue so that a general consensus can be reached at the right moment," the prime minister said.

Referring to the facilities for voter registration for the coming elections, Dr. Majali said the Interior Ministry was orienting the public about the process through the media.

"The Constitution has guaranteed the right for every person to take part in the elections and therefore people should register their names and officials have to facilitate this task," Dr. Majali

Referring to new laws and reg-

towards various departments and institutions. But, he added, that amending laws or enacting new ones requires a thorough study. The government, he added, has showed concern over these

the Prime Ministry was exerting

efforts to accomplish its duty

the college thanked the King

for accepting the invitation to

address the group of multi-national officers in college.

A question and answer ses-sion followed the King's

The meering was arrended

by Lieutent general Abdul Hafez Mirai, chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff of the

Jordanian Armed Forces, Mr.

Fouad Ayoub, the Jordanian

Ambassador to Britain, and

Brigadier Awad Maatiab, the

military attache at the Jorda-

speech.

matters by creating the post of minister of state for legal affairs to coordinate matters between the government and the Lower House of Parliament. On the peace process, Dr. Ma-

iali said Jordan's stand is crystal clear. "It is based on coordination and cooperation with the concerned Arab parties involved in the process, especially the Palestinians with whom we share the endeavours to reach a just, honourable and comprehensive

these negotiations had their negative and positive aspects, but we, as Arabs, should exert all efforts to regain our rights."

He urged the heads of professional associations to deal objec-

The prime minister said that

settlement to guarantee all rights," he said.

ing. "The Jordanian Dentists Association, the Jordan Medical Association, the Jordan Pharmacists Association, the Bar Association, the Contractors Association, the Veterinarians Association, the Agriculture Engineers Association, the Jordanian Writers Association and the Geologists Association.

Iraq insists on maintaining defence to counter Iran

Combined agency despatches

BAGHDAD - Iraq insisted Wednesday on the eve of a cru-cial visit by U.N. disarmament chief Rolf Ekeus that its defence capacity must be kept intact to counter Iran.

With a possible U.N.-endorsed military strike looming, Mr. Ekeus travels to Baghdad on Thursday on a mission to convince Iraq to accept long-term monitoring of its weapons prog-

warned Iraq could not be stripped of its defences against neighbouring Iran and that it was not prepared to accept long-term monitoring until the U.N. trade embargo was lifted.

turmoil," warned the Baghdad

bid to deprive them of their de-fensive capabilities," said the English-language daily.

It called for "a new dialogue ... in a calm and objective way, with an open mind.

for the facilities to be sealed.

site for U.N. monitoring.

The U.N. commission charges of mass destruction, including medium and long-range missiles,

has warned the two sites could be destroyed if Iraq refused to comply with its demands.

Angust 1990.

Saadi branched the weapons inspectors as "spies and saboteurs." Two days earlier, a U.N. team left, abruptly after being barred from sealing the test

special commission in charge of destroying Iraq's major weapons programmes, won U.N. Security Council approval to make the trip to persuade Iraq to comply with his inspectors and avoid possible

Iraq oil pact said 'in sight'

TALKS FOR Iraq to sell limited quantities of oil for the first time since Baghdad invaded Kuwait are approaching an agreement but obstacles still remain, diplomats said Wednesday.

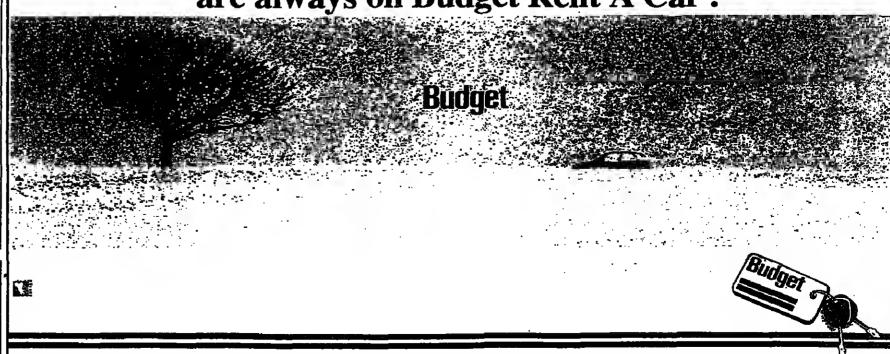
"A draft agreement is in sight," said one key envoy. But he urged caution, saying that any pact would have to be approved by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali and the Security Council as well as authorities in Bagh-At issue are two 1991 Security

Council resolutions authorising Iraq to sell \$1.6 billion worth of oil over six months — mainly to pay for humanitarian aid pro-vided by U.N. agencies, particularly to rebellious Kurds.

More than a third of the pro-

ceeds would be used to cover U.N. costs incurred in destroying Iraq's weapons and to a reparation fund for victims of Baghdad's invasion of Kawait in August 1990. The U.N. would closely monitor contracts, terminals, proceeds and the distribution of food and

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as soon as possible because of differences with the U.N. com-

'Italy outraged' ITALIAN FOREIGN Minister

Beniamino Andreatta said Wednesday be was "outraged" at the decision by the United Nations to remove Italy's military com-mander in Somalia, General Bru-"I'm ontraged," he said,

adding that he had previously agreed with U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali that Gen. Loi should not return without full consultation with the Italian gov-

Under-Secretary for Peacekeeping Operations Kofi Annan said the move was the result of a rift between the Italian officer, General Bruno Loi, and the U.N. command over recent raids in the Somali capital.

Earlier in Rome, the Italian

government said it had refused to take part in what it called "urban guerrilla" warfare in Mogadishu and Italian Foreign Minister Beniamino Andreatta threatened to pull Italian troops out of Moga-

Italy to recall its commander of In a deepening rift with the peacekeeping forces in Somalia United Nations, the minister warned that Rome would rede-

(Continued on page 10)

Israeli economy strains under Rabin government

By Howard Goller Reuter

TEL AVIV - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's menu for economic reform in Israel is stained by a food fight with

McDonald's.

Bowing to Israeli potato growers, Mr. Rabin's government recently forced the U.S. fast-food giant to serve local french fries at its first-ever branches in Israel.

The incident, reinforcing Israel's image as a bastion of protectionism and state ownership, underlines Mr. Rabin's failure to score an economic breakthrough during his first year in power.

Despite some notable successes since taking office in July last year, his broad campaign pledges to liberalise, privatise and slash paperwork have gone largely unmet.

"Do we want to open our economy to foreign competition? Do we want to provide our consumers with the best merchandise at the lowest cost?" Asks Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel.

"If the answer is yes, then we should just go ahead with it. It's not a matter for long debate," the central bank chief told Reuters in an interview.

Even some of Mr. Rabin's toughest critics believe his intentions are good — they just think that is not enough. Zev Golan, associate director of an independent freemarket think-thank, said:

grips of big labour, big government and big business." "All of these together are the perfect recipe for inertia

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The country is sort of in the

under Mr. Rabin has been the

shift in spending priorities

from Jewish settlements in the

occupied West Bank to much-

needed road construction in-

But in the year ahead, Mr.

Rabin will face challenges on

boosning economic growth, re-

ducing near-record unemploy-

ment and holding the line on

The Bank of Israel warns

that gross domestic product

(GDP) growth will drop to

four per cent this year from 6.6

per cent in 1992 now that a

government-backed housing

boom for immigrants is over.

caused by the army's closure

of the West Bank and Gaza

Strip imposed at the end of

March, which will shave 0.5 per cent off GDP. The territor-

ies supply Israel with cheap

This comes as Israel's back-

ers in the U.S. Senate and

foreign service warn of a future

cut in American aid. Israel's \$3

billion a year is the most any

country receives from

Washington, but this is an era

Unemployment, a key issue

in a country that counts on

drawing immigrants, remains

near a 20-year record 11 per

cent. A recent opinion poil

gave the government its lowest

a single-digit for the first time

in 23 years, 9.4 per cent, Mr. Frenkel said he hoped to hold

it at 10 per cent in 1993 with a

long-term goal of bringing the

figure down to that of major

Inflation dropped in 1992 to

ranking on this issue.

industrial countries.

of American belt-tightening.

Palestinian labour.

That reduction is partly

side Israel.

inflation.

The government hopes to raise three billion shekels (\$1 billion) selling off state firms in 1993, up from 1.1 billion shekels (\$393,000) in 1992.

Its sale this year of 20 per cent of the shares in Bank Hapoalim, the country's largest bank, was vastly oversubscribed, showing the market could easily handle further flotations.

'It's nice they've semi-privatised part of a bank," said Mr. Golan, of the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies.
But he said: "Mexico sold

dozens of companies in the nme that Israel sold a

Several prospects make the coming months crucial. Mr. Rabin took office vowing to accelerate Middle East peace talks and a breakthrough would make Israel a

greater attraction for foreign — Having secured \$10 bil-lion in U.S. loan guarantees spread over the next five years, Mr. Rabin expects to improve Israel's infrastructure and fos-

ter private investment. His cabinet last month agreed to create an unprecedented free trade zone to attract foreign investment and provide 20,000 jobs. It requires parliamentary approval.

- Tel Aviv's stock exchange soared 74 per cent in 1992 on doubled volume. It has traded in a narrow range this year, but in a sign of its expanded importance it plans to open an options exchange next month.

For Israelis, perhaps the

Libya hires Sofaer in possible Pan Am case

Libya has hired Abraham Sofaer, who as a State Department lawyer gave the legal go-ahead for the U.S. bombing of Tripoli seven years ago, to negotiate a possible settlement of cases stemming from the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Mr. Sofaer, who now heads the Washington office of the international law firm Hughes Hubbard and Reed, was the State Department legal adviser during the Reagan administration, and argued that air strikes on Libyan targets were legally justified because that country's support for 'terrorists' amounted to armed aggression against the United

He also was in the post in December 1988, when a bomb blew up the airliner over Locker-

bie, Scotland, killing 270. In a statement, Mr. Sofaer's firm said it had been hired to help arrange legal settlements in civil suits filed by some families of the victims and in U.S. indictments against two Libyans allegedly involved in the attack.

Mr. Sofaer said the move does not mean Libya or the two defendants have decided to appear in any court case.

It simply means his firm "will advise the government of Libya with a view to developing solutions for the differences which exist in these litigations, and which are acceptable to all parties. We will not lingate actively in defence of Libya or the indi-vidual defendants," he said.

Libya has refused to release the two indicted men to U.S. author-

A year ago, members of some victims' families said they had been approached by agents representing Libya who implied they would be given up to \$1 million if they would sign a letter to Congress asking for an end to international sanctions against Libya.

Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has said that tighter United Nations sanctions would not force him to hand over for trial the two suspects in the Pan Am

The United States has begun consultations with other countries on imposing further sanctions against Libya before a U.N. re-

KUWAIT (R) - Any Kuwaiti

government minister who used his job for personal gain should

be sacked and punished, Foreign Minister Sabah Al Ahmad Al

Jaber Al Sabah said in remarks

saying the government and

opposition-dominated parliament

were considering what action to

take against officials accused of

"The government is in constant

touch with the assembly deputies

to reach a decision on actions to

be taken against people accused

of depleting the country's over-

seas investments," newspapers

quoted Sheikh Sabah as saying.

halved to about \$45 billion since

the 1990 Iraqi invasion, mostly

because of payment of costs rc-

lated to the 1991 Gulf war that

But parliament says part of the

Some members of parliament

have called for the prosecution in

Kuwaii of former officials up to

ministerial level suspected of

wrongdoing in the handling of

Asked by reporters Tuesday

whether he supported the propos-

al, Sheikh Sabah was quoted as

replying: "Those who cash in on

their ministerial responsibilities

should be removed from their

drop is because of many years of

negligence and fraud in the man-

ended the occupation.

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foreign investments.

posts and punished."

The state's overseas assets have

Newspapers quoted him as

published Wednesday.

abusing public funds.

Sabah: Kuwait must

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Muammar Qadhafi

view of existing punitive measures by Aug. 15.

"Libya cannot arrest a citizen against his will and force him to go for trial in another state," Colonel Qadhafi was quoted Monday as saying by the official Libyan news agency JANA.

Therefore sanctions against Libya appear meaningless and tightening them will change no-thing." he told the Libyan newspaper Al Arab in remarks carried by JANA.

They (Western states) should not think that escalation will change Libya's stand. Libya cannot do that ...even if they go to war. The more there is escalation, the more we get away from the trial," he added.

Proposed new sanctions include an embargo on oil-produc-tion equipment and a freeze of certain assets.

The U.N. Security Council imposed an air and arms embargo on Libya on April 15, 1992 because it failed to surrende; the two suspects.

It also ordered Tripoli to cooperate in investigations into the bombing of a French UTA plane over Niger in 1989 that killed 171 people, and prove it had cut links with "terrorist"

Libya, denying involvement in the two bombings, has offered to release the two suspects for trial anywhere in the world except the United States and Britain — an offer that was rejected:

The government would never

oppose any move by the parlia-

ment that would benefit the peo-

ple and the country, he was reported as saying.

Some MPs have called for

three former Kuwaiti investment

officials to be brought back to the

country to face trial on charges of

Two out of the three are among

22 former investment executives

and advisers who are being sued

in London by Kuwaiti authoritics

for alleged conspiracy to defraud

and other malpractice in connec-

Grupo Torras, the Spanish

holding company for state-owned

Kuwait Investment Office (KIO),

went into receivershsip last De-

cember with losses of about \$4

Ismail Al Shatti, head of parlia-

ment's finance and economic

committee, said earlier this month \$510 million of Kuwait's

overseas investments had been

lost due to dubious financial

transfers that amounted to out-

legal and legislative affairs com-

mittee 10 consider whether MPs

investigating the investment los-

ses should formally question for-

mer finance ministers in office

when alleged corrupt investment

dealings took place.
It has also asked the legal and

legislative affairs committee to

study laws related to the possible

trial of former ministers.

The assembly has asked its

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cial said Tuesday. But the official said the U.S. administration would not make its opposition known officially due to the criticism such a move could draw from the countries actively taking part in protesting

There would be "substantial problems with a sizable contingent of Iranian troops in Bosnia," the official said, referring to a proposal from Tehran to put 10,000 men at the disposal of the United Nations as a part of an offer made by the Organisation of

U.S. opposes

sending

Iranians

to Bosnia

WASHINGTON (Agencies)

The United States opposed send-

ing Iranian troops into Bosnia to

defend security zones for Bosnian

civilians, a State Department offi-

the Islamic Conference (OIC). While the administration official did not specify the nature of these problems, Washinton for days has said Tehran's influence in the former Yugoslavia is growing and that foreign nationals should take steps to protect themselves against possible acts of lranian-inspired "terrorism."

Still, the official said, "given the fact that we are not providing ground troops, it is not up to us to

State Department spokesman Michael McCurry indicated that the United States would defer on the issue to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali.

It is for Dr. Ghali, Mr. McCurrv said, to decide on the appropriate deployment of forces, and the United Stares will refrain from commenting on the participation of particular states.

He said the United States was in close consultation with the secretary general but that he did not know if Washington formally had offered opinions on the countries that ought or ought not supply use as.

If Dr. Ghali decides to approve the Iranian contingent, me United States ... n would decide whether there was any cause for concern, he said. The United Nation has asked

member states to p vide 7,500 additional troops to protect the six safe zones in Bosnia declared by the Security Council. At a meeting in Islamabad, the

OIC proposed offering 18,000 countries including Iran and Palestine.

Iran Tuesday disputed the U.S. charges that militants were offering military training to Bosnian Muslims and may be preparing to use violence against Westerners in the former Yugoslavia.

In a statement from its U.N. mission. Iran said the charges from the State Department were part of a "continuation of the persistent campaigns of disinformation and baseless propaganda by the United States against

lran's supreme leader Ayatol-lah Ali Khamenei vowed Wednesday it would defeat the United States in any standoff and would not stray from its Islamic revolutionary path under U.S.

pressure. "Today the slogan Death to America belongs to each and every Iranian." he said in a speech reported by Tehran Radio. "The naivety and ineptness of U.S. officials is revealed by the fact that they have not understood that Satanie acis against ... Iran will result in nothing hut their own greater disgrace and they will be defeated in this confrontation. "We will vigourously follow the path of Islam as we have been taught by our revolution and iman (the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.)"

Washington, which hrands Iran an international outlaw and accuses it of sponsoring terrorism and secking nuclear wcapons, is pushing to isolate Iran interna-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sudan sets date for talks with Egypt

KHARTOUM (AFP) — Sudan has proposed July 21 or 22 for a meening of foreign ministers from Sudan and Egypt as agreed upon by presidents Omar Hassan Bashir and Hosni Mubarak to discussion outstanding problems between the two countries. The director of the political department of the Sudanese Foreign Ministry, Mehdi Ibrahim, said in weekly press briefing Tuesday he was hopeful that the meeting would settle all issues of disagreement between Sudan and Egypt. Relations between the two countries are strained after accusations that each of them hosts and assists opposition elements and over a border dispute in the Halaib triangle on the Red Sea. Mr. Ibrahim also criticised international relief organisations and United Nations agencies for failing ro assist his government in shipping relief supplies to needy areas in southern Sudan. General Bashir has repeatedly accused relief and other Western organisations operating in Sudan of failing to transport more than 150,000 tonnes of relief made available by his government to the south of

Rafsanjani lauds Iran's secret agents

NICOSIA (R1 — Iranian President Akhbar Hashemi Rafsanjani visited bis intelligence service Tuesday and said the work of secretagents was "something to be proud of." Iranian Television, monitored in Cyprus, said Mr. Rafsanjani gave the praise while inspecting the "latest achievements of the country's intelligence system" at the Ministry of Intelligence in Tehran. But he told ministry workers that "the calm and security prevailing in the country should not lead to a decline in security sensitivity. "You should deal with the people in a way that wins their trust." The ministry is in charge of gathering intelligence, catching spies and countering threats and plots against the state. Iran denies opposi-Uon charges that its agents have killed dozens of dissident exiles in recent years. Intelligence Minister Ali Fallahiyan said last smonth that the Iraq-based Mujahedeen-e-Khalq opposition group had. launched five cross-border attacks since January, including bombexplosions at two oil wells. Ten infiltrators and two Iranian guards were killed in the clashes, he said,

New trial for German firms accused of Iraq sales

DARMSTADT, Germany (AFP) .. A trial that opened in April 1992 of German firms accused of illegally selling Iraq material that could be used for chemical weapons must begin all over again, the federal prosecutor announced Tuesday. A court here had rule that testimony from expert witnesses had been insufficient to determine if the material had been manufactured for use in the development of chemical weapons. The judges then called on two new experts. But their findings will not be ready before the date of which the trial - according to the country's judicial regulations must resume. The court must therefore start the trial all over again, Officials from the firms Karl Kolb, Pilot Plant and Wet have appeared in court bere in connection with the sale of material to Iraq in the 1980s.

Storm kills five Algerian fishermen

ALGIERS (R) - Five Algerian fishermen drowned when their trawlers sank off the coastal town of Oran during a storm, the Algerian news agency APS reported. Twelve of the 17-strong crew of the trawler Hamer were rescued. The trawler left the Mediterranean Habibas Islands wit six tonnes of fish on board on Monday when the storm hit, causing it to capsize and sink, APS said. Two of the 12 rescued fishermen were in hospital, it added.

Philippines prob∈3 sex syndicate in Kuwait

MANILA (R) — The Philippines is investigating reports that Filipina maids sheltering in an embassy-run welfare centre in Kuwait are being procured as prostitutes for Kuwaiti nationals. Manila newspapers, quoting : were procured by fellow Filipin ... ne of whom was a former maid who had had several Kuwaiti nusbands. The Manila Times said pimps would take the maids out of the centre run by the Philippines embassy for abused women on the pretext of finding them better jobs. Instead they would be turned over to Kuwaiti nationals sex. "There's no calegorica! proc. of that yet... we will continue to investigate that." Foreign Sicre Roberto Romulo told repole ters when asked about the and sex syndicate. "It's extremely important that we get the facts first." Labour Secretary Nieves Confesor, who went to Kuwait in February, said personnel at the welfare centre told her they had difficulties managing the runaway maids. "(Some of them) were jumping over the fence at night... and it is very difficult to restrain mem," Mr. Confesor said. Some of more than 400 maids who have returned home from Kuwait in recent weeks accused their employers of rape, assault and not paying their wages.

Israeli civil servants escalate strike

TEL AVIV (AFP) -- Israeli civil servants, who have been on strike for a week demanding more pay, announced Wednesday an escalation of their action. The Histadrut trade union federation called out 20,000 more workers and urged 2,500 civil servants in "vital" jobs to defy government orders and join 50,000 striking colleagues from Sunday. Fearing renewed inflation, the government has spurned negotiations with the unions who want more than 30 per cent pay rises spread over several years. The treasury has offcred three per cent a year while annual inflation is running at 14

Moroccan police break up sit-in by teachers

RABAT (R) — Four people were injured when police armed with batons broke up a sit-in at the education ministry by about 400 leachers demanding to be upgraded to staff positions, a spokesman for the teachers said on Wednesday. The teachers, among 2,600 college graduates who have served up to four years in the state education system, demand staffing at the full monthly wage of 3,200 dirhams (\$335). The 400 were hired at 1,800 dirhams (\$190) with promises of staffing later. "All we want is for the ministry to agree to talks to discuss our situation," the spokesman said Despite the police intervention on Tuesday, teachers continued their sit-in on Wednesday. Police arrested two teachers, including one of the two women injured on Tuesday.

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Majali meets with writers, youth and administrators

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdtal Salam Al Majali Wednesday met with President of the Jordanian Writers Association (JWA) Hani Al Amad and members of the association's Administrative **B**ommittee.

Dr. Majali outlined the writers' role illuminating the current problems of the Arab na-

He said it was imperative that all intellectuals and writers contribute, through their works, to revealing the truth to the public.

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The writers said they were always and will always be defending Jordan's principled stands as expressed by His Majesty King Hussein, describing these stands as honourable for all Arabs, particularly Jordanians.
They also voiced their satis-

factions with the aimosphere of freedom and democracy. **S**ind the right to freely express their views through the mass media. This, they said, will contribute to the development of the literary, intellectual and cultural movements in the Kingdom and will give other countries a model to follow.



IMPROVING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Prime Minister Abdut Salam Al Majali Wednesday said Jordan welcomes the expertise of other Arab countries in developing its own public organisations and the performance of its civil servants. In a meeting at his office with Ahmad Abdul Rahman, head of the department in charge of financial and administrative control and inspection in Egypt, the Prime Minister said that Jordan bopes to avail itself of related cooperation between the two countries in this regard for the sake of improving government services to the public. Mr. Abdul Rahman conveyed to Dr. Majali his own impressions of the just concluded seminar on administrative and financial control and inspection in government departments held in Amman, praising the high level of performance and the outcome of the seminar. The meeting was attended by Khaled Al Zou'bi, Minister of State for Legal Affairs and Mohammad Thuneibat, president of the newly-created Control and Inspection Bureau.

The prime minister also met Wednesday at the prime ministry with a delegation representing Al Hussein Youth Camp which will participate in the fourth Arab Youth Conference due to start in Algeria next

Dr. Majali was briefed by the head of the delegation on the trip to Algeria, which will take its members to Egypt. Libya and Tunisia before arriv-

ing in Algiers.

Members of the 1eam will meet with Arab youth in these countries and will be familiarised with youth life patterns

The prime minister lauded these activities, saying such meeting would give Jordanian youth the chance to meet their peers in Arab countries and be acquainted with their condi-

He urged the 32-member delegation to convey a good and honest image of Jordna, as well as its endeavours to unify the ranks of the Arab nation.

The meeting was attended by Minister of State for the Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad

Visiting Mayo Clinic team seeks medical cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) - The head of an American medical team from Sale the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, now on a visit to Jordan, said he was impressed with Jordan, the lenale sordanian people and the coun-^{1gam}.) iry's development programme. lad ne . Tr. 1.W. Smith met with In-licien; for ation Minister Ma'an Abu Sc ne Nowar to review Jordan's sciendone lific, economic and medical de-

velopment as well as cooperation lative in these fields with the United च ३ States. The Jordan News Agency, Petaim ra, said the American team plans to propose to the concerned au-

thorities in the Kingdom a set of programmes including the establishment of a communications

system and a linkage between Jurdanian medical institutions and the Mayo Clinic in the U.S. Petra said the three-member

team is visiting Jordan in a bid to

build bridges of cooperation in

medical fields. It was at the Mayo Clinic that His Majesty King Hussein underwent surgery and subsequent check ups over the past year.

The American ream later called at the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation and was briefed on its development and

The team toured various sections and inspected the satellite channel of Jordan Television.



Minister of Information Ma'an Abu Nawar meets with visiting medical team from the Mayo Clinic of Minnesota in the United

\$109m GRANT TO BUILD DANA CENTRE: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) signed an agreement wherein USAID provided the RSCN with \$109,000 in grant funds to finance the construction of a handicrafts training and visitors centre at Dana Wildlife Reserve near Tafila. The centre, which is expected to be completed in September 1994 will provide community development and training to the inhabitants of he Dana village and the surrounding areas in tourist support stones and handicrafts such as weaving, polishing semi-precious stones and honey production. The RSCN established the Dana Wildlife Reserve in 1990 with plans to initiate an integrated development project for the residents of the area and the nearby villages that would transform the whole site into a tourist attraction, noted RSCN President Anis Mussher in a statement after signing the agreement. Mr. Mussher said Dana enjnys a unique touristic tocation where traditional handicrafts can be made and marketed for the benefit of the local people population. The agreement was signed on behalf of USAID by Jordan director

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EXHIBITIONS

- Art exhibition by Korean artist Hong-Lycon Lee at the Royal Cultural Centre - Opening ceremony at 6 p.m. Art exhibition by Syrian artist Sakhr Farzat at the Baika Art Gallery, Fubeis City.
- ☆ Art exhibition by Syrian artist Nidal artist Nidal Al Sawasi at the Royal Cultural Centre Opening ceremony at 6 p.m.
- Art exhibition by Jamal Khmeish and Jihad Abu Suleiman at the Housing Bank Gallery - Opening ceremony at 6 p.m.
- Opening ceremony at 5 p.m.
- ☆ Paintings by Salem Al Dabbagh, Himat Ali and Karim Rassan at the Abdul Hameed Shuman Foundation Gallery (10 a.m.-8
- ☆ Art exhibition by 26 Jordanian artists at Eshbeelia Art Gallery, 6th Circle, Amra Shopping Centre.
- ☆ Exhibition of art works by Zubeira Zaqtan at Baladna Art Gallery.

LECTURE

☆ Lecture entitled "Preliminary Excavations at Tel El Handaqnq South," by Meredith S. Chesson and Ian Kuijt of Harvard University at 7 p.m. at the American Centre for Oriental Research.

FIELD TRIP

🛱 Field trip, organised by the Friends of Archaeology, on Friday to the Nympheum and 'Ain Ghazal in Amman. Departure wilt be from the Amra Hotel parking lot at 9 a.m. in private ears.

JERASH FESTIVAL

- Concert by a Korean trio and the orchestra of the National Music Conservatory (NMC) at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Royal
- H9L9Concerts by Lebanese singer Ragheb Alameh on Thursday and Friday at 8:30 at the Southern Theatre of Jerash. Arabic play for ehildren entitled "Nabil and Hisham at School" at 11 noon on Thursday and Friday at the Palace of Culture.



New men perfume launched

At a press conference held at Hotel Jordan Inter.Continental Tuesday, Ibrahim and Khaled Abu Shakra Company announced that it was introducing to the Jordanian market a new perfume from Guy Laroche Paris perfumes, under the name Horizon. Mr. Khaled Abu Shakra, the company's representative, mentioned the characteristics of the new perfume at the press conference, explaining that it was introduced to the Middle East directly after Europe because of the importance of this market for European and international companies. Ms. Gerdini, from Laroche company, said: "There is a place where the air, sky, sea and land blend into eternity ... an imaginary place which has long been an inspiration for dreams and aspirations ... an absolute and perfect line; the horizon. Horizon is an imaginary circular line where the observer stands at the centre and where the sky, sea and land appear to meet.

Horizon is blue. Blue is a symbol of water and sky, of the depths, of spirituality, of the infinite and the pure, of dreams and contemplation ... a symbol of serenity.

It is worth mentioning that Ibrahim and Khaled Abu Shakra had established the gifts corner stores specialising in selling perfumes and presents. The company has three branches in

The press conference was attended by representatives of the mass media and several persons interested in perfumes.

Regent urges matching training supply with demand for country's skilled labour

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, has said that supply in vocational training should match the demand for skilled labour.

In an address at a seminar on vocational training in Jordan Tuesday the Regent called on the participants to thoroughly examine the related German and Japanese experiments and compare them with the Jordanian

The World Bank believes that the Kingdom could serve as the Singapore of the region in the future, but this dream can only become a reality when education and training on the one hand march production, on the other said the regent.

Noting that Jordan suffers from a large gap between demand and supply in the field of vocational training, Prince Hassan said that bridging this gap can not be achieved without the help of a data base providing information

to the decision makers. Prince Hassan reviewed with the participants several working papers under discussion and said the concerned authorities should determine the difference between the skilled and unskilled workers and also the country's needs in both categories.

He also called on the industrial sector to adopt the practice of the agricultural sector which he said. has been honouring excelling and distinguished farmers.

To promote vocational trainng, the Regent called for semi-

His Rnyal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday addresses a seminar on vocational training in Jordan (Petra photo) nars and meetings between deci-sion makers and officials on the ing ought to help the country acquire a sufficient skilled work-

one hand and industrialists on the force to meet its needs for socioother at the Sahab, industrial city economic development. to discuss modernisation of indus-The participants urged the concerned authorities to speed up Referring to the concept of work on a draft law for organising comprehensive education, the vocational and crafts work, Regent said, with due respect to adding that such a law would the various institutions' efforts, provide classification of work-Jordan has a long way to go to shops, workers and others emachieve the true concept of comployed in the local labour market prehensive education.

workers could compete in region-Participants concluded seminar Wednesday by issuing a set of al labour markets. recommendations calling among The seminar called on other things for a re-examination businesses and employers to conof 3 Jordan's national education tribute towards raising level of and vocational training programcurricula of vocational centres and help in deciding on training

local labour market.

The recommendations called for the development of programmes for advanced training of instructors in vocational centres and demanded a greater share from the state's treasury be allo-

cated to vocational training.
The recommendations called for the creation of a national committee to coordinate matters related to technical and vocationand would ensure that Jordanian al training in Jordan.

The seminar was been organised by the National Centre for Educational Research and Development in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in addition to the Vocational Training Corporaprogrammes that best suit the tion (VTC).

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They said that vocational train-

Minister meets ALESCO head, PLO official

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of education and Higher Education Khaled Al Omari and Director General of the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ALESCO) Mohammad Al Mill fbrahimi Wednesday discussed scopes of cooperation between the ministry and ALESCO and means of enhancing them. At a meeting held at the ministry Dr. Omari stressed Jordan's keenness to bolster its relations with the organisation. The meeting was attended by Ministry Secretary General Munther Al Masri and several officials. In another development, Dr. Omari met with Nabil Shaath, the political advisor of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Dr. Oman told Mr. Shaath that the Ministry of Education and Higher Education is doing its utmost to help Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories at all educational, cultural and social levels. He said the ministry has been broadcasting programmes targetted at Palestinian students in the occupied territories and has been participating in all parleys on educating the Palestinians. Mr. Shaath stressed the importance of cooperation between the ministry and Palestinian educational institutions, particularly in

fields of training Palestinian educational leaders.

Trade minister meets with Yemeni official

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Industry and Trade Bassam Al Saket Wednesday received Director of the Foreign Trade Department at the Yemeni Ministry of Trade and Supply Abdul Alim Darwish and an accompanying delegation. Discussion at the meeting centred on means of enhancing Jordanian-Yemeni relations in economic fields. Mr. Darwish commended Jordan's experiment in commercial fields and expressed his country's desire to benefit from it. He also expressed Yemen's readiness to grant facilities to Jordanian exporters.

Forest protection drive begins

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Youth Abdullah Oweidat Wednesday announced that a one-week national campaign to protect the forests and wooded areas of Jordan will begin Thursday (July 15) with 1,620 volunteers pruning trees, levelling lands, removing thorns and dry grass and opening fire breaks.



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One step forward

THE TENTH round of peace talks between Israel and the Arab parties triggered a string of events and reactions in the region that can be described as positive. With direct Israeli-PLO contacts now viewed as a forgone conclusion, after the well-publicised talks held between the two sides in Washington, the stage is now set for a much more meaningful peace dialogue between the two. This development has not only been on the agenda of the Palestinians but also on the minds of all the other parties who saw right from the start that without direct negotiations between Israel and the PLO there can be no real opportunity to achieve peace in the region.

The failure of the last session in Washington to produce any tangible results has jolted the Israelis and the Palestinians into direct communication. For this reason, if not for others, the last round was not a total disaster since it can be credited with having served as a catalyst that brought the Palestinians and the Israelis closer to each other. But this is not all.

The visit of Dennis Ross to the Middle East was in itself a positive development since it succeeded to reactivate the peace process. Ross succeeded at least to keep the parties on talking terms by offering to reconsider the latest U.S. draft paper on the continuation of the bilateral talks. The shuttle diplomacy that he was engaged in between the Arah capitals on one side and Tel Aviv on the other, did produce some meaningful results that could be interpreted as sufficient to pave the ground for a visit hy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, hefore the 11th round. Cooling off the situation in South Lebanon may also have been on Ross's agenda. But that might have only been a prelude to once again engaging the two parties in serious negotiations. It seems that there was enough progress on that score to cause Syria to accept to participate in the next round on schedule. Meanwhile, the Jordanians and Palestinians were husy further articulating their future relationship, in anticipation of positive developments in the coming rounds of the peace talks.

While the Palestinians and Jordanians, in their desire to live in a peaceful and tranquil region, are forming committees, the Palestinian people and their negotiators need to formulate with Israel and the U.S. a declaration of principles that would have the ingredients for a satisfactory final settlement. The Palestinians have all the right to be reluctant to enter into any form or phase of interim self-rule unless and until the issues of jurisdiction and Jerusalem are addressed to their satisfaction.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour daily attacked the United Nations Organisation, describing it as a tool in the hand of the United States and its allies. It all started as a league of nations but after World War II this organisation has slowly but surely developed itself into a gang, led by the United States and aiming at dominating world affairs, said Mr. Mohammad Kawash. All the United Nations agencies and committees are carrying out the directives and the policies charted or planned by the U.S. administration; and indeed, Washington's desires are promptly executed anywhere in the world under the auspices of the world organisation, said the writer. For instance, he said, the Americans feel free to launch an aggression on Iraq or wage a wave of killings in Somalia on the strength of a testimony or a call on the part of a U.N. official who most probably is taking instructions for his actions from his own country or directly from American officials. The Americans, under the umbrella of the United Nations, continue to kill children in Iraq and Somalia, demolish homes of innocent people and impose sanctions at will, continued the writer. At the moment, the Americans are preparing another aggression on Iraq based on the pretext that the Iraqi government does not allow cameras to be installed on its scientific installations, the writer pointed out. He said that only time will tell the number of U.N. officials who are involved in this conspiracy with the United States against the nations of the world. The writer said that in the meantime the Arab governments are keeping silent about the atrocities committed by the Western alliance against their countrymen and kinsmen in the name of the United Nations.

ANOTHER COLUMNIST in Al Dustour daily dwelt on Washington's continued claim that it is actively involved, as a full partner in the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations. Taher Al Udwan said that the American peace coordinator Dennis Ross has just reiterated this American stand to the Syrian leadership in Damascus, following his reiteration of the same statement to the leaders of Jordan and Egypt. But the question to be asked here is: Does any of the Arab parties really believe that Washington would play the role of fair mediator in the ongoing negotiations which have lasted for over 20 months so far? Asked the writer. Any Arab citizen, let alone a leader of an Arab government, believes that the United States is not a fair mediator and that Washington strives only seeks to ensure Israel's security and protect its oil interests in the Arab region, stressed the writer. Despite this fact, it is sad to see Arab regimes trying to win Washington's favour and condone its atrocities in Iraq and Somalia. The smaller Arab countries are not to blame as much as the bigger ones which have succumbed totally to Washington's whims and desires, he said. He said that these major Arab states can restore a little respect for the Arab World by adopting a more rational stand in their dealings with the United States.

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A tale of two banks by Scrutator

By G.H. Jansen

The gap between the mood and outlook of the people of the East Bank and that of the Palestinians in the West Bank is as wide as the Jordan Valley which separates them physically. And the first step towards filling that gap would be the recognition that it exists.

On the West Bank, the mood is one of bleak despair and almost total lack of hope. On the East Bank there is, at worst, worry and uncertainty.

The West Bankers see themselves caught in this dilemma: there has been no forward movement in the so-called peace process but they cannot move back, that is, out of and away from the talks, though this last assumption is beginning to be questioned.

Those West Bankers who want the talks to continue — a small minority it has to be said argue that they must go on because there is no alternative to negotiation and because the Palestinians want a settlement since only a settlement would bring them peace and a quiet

life.
The answer to these two points is that the Palestinian delegation must not go back to the eleventh fruitless, useless round and that if there is no

alternative, that should worry the U.S. and Israel more than the Palestinians; if there is no alternative, things would then remain as they are, bad as that is. And as for wanting peace and quiet, yes, fair enough, and who does not? But not at

A major cause of West Bank despair is the universal opinion that "the leadership" has lost all credibility - and by "leadership" is meant both the PLO in Tunis and the delegation composed of local personalities. Feelings against the PLO are quite bitter: because of its policy mistakes, because of its openly-recognised corruption and because it seems to have different objectives and, particularly, a different set of priorities from those of the West Bankers.

The PLO, above all, wants U.S. recognition, on almost any terms - hence, for instance, the most recent silly lying story about "high level contacts" between Israel and the PLO which turned out to be only "attempted contacts." Perhaps the PLO feels that if the U.S. talks to it, then the contributions from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf would be resumed, but is that assured? The West Bankers, on the other hand, first and foremost,

want to get the Israelis off their backs and an end to the arrests, the torture and the killing. In short, a very different set of priorities.

The West Bankers, sadly and angrily, make the point that the power-balance be-tween Tunis and Jerusalem is the opposite of what it was when the intifada started. Then, when the uprising took the PLO by surprise, Tunis said: "You act, we support." Now Tunis says: "We decide and you obey." The brash pronouncements of Bassam Abu Sharif, Mr. Yasser Arafat's moutbpiece, are particularly

One aspect of this distrust, now amounting to dislike, is the firm conviction among just about everybody, something that is taken for granted, that President Yasser Arafat is trying to undercut, and perhaps even destroy, the leadersbip of Faisal Husseini which, out of jealousy, Mr. Arafat sees as a threat to his position. The West Bankers were surprised that there should be any surprise at this, to them, obvious fact.

That the Palestinians believe this is a fact; but whether what they believe corresponds to the facts on the ground is, of

Anyway, the belief is that Mr. Arafat weakens Mr. Husseini by keeping him short of funds — and perhaps there is a genuine shortage of funds and by keeping bim away from the West Bank, Mr. Husseini's

power base. Mr. Husseini, it is said, is \$1.25 million in debt and so can no longer face his friends. whom he can no longer help. and his creditors, whom he can

no longer repay.

If this is so, is it not time that the scores of Palestinian millionaires got together to lift this financial burden off the shoulders of a brave and honest leader?

King Fahd, it is said, told Mr. Husseini that be would provide funds but only if they went to Mr. Husseini directly and not through the PLO. But the ever-loyal Husseini said he would at least have to keep Mr. Arafat informed. So no Saudi money.

Of the members of the delegation only Dr. Haidar Abdul Sbafi is beld in universal esteem, just about everybody else has been "burnt." Perhaps this was the U.S./Israel tactic: to make the talks worthless by refusing any concessions so that the public would then turn against the leaders who could get nothing for them.

The West Bankers believe that they are not as impotent vis-a-vis the Israelis and the U.S. as may appear. Because if they pull out from the talks. the whole peace process would

And on the East Bank, knowledgeable observers pre-dict that if the talks fail, the present Jordanian government of Abdul Salam Majali would collapse overnight because its commitment to the talks was its raison d'etre.

Neither on the East Bank nor on the West Bank is there, as yet; a full, firm grasp of two new factors in the Arab-Israel-U.S. triangle. With the new Clinton administration settling down, it is obvious that it has a new and very, very different Middle East policy from that of Bush-Baker. They wobbled between Israel and the Arabs. Mr. Clinton and company 'stand foresquare behind Israel," to use the words of Martin Indyk, one of the half a dozen gentlemen of the Jewish faith who now fill all the important policy-making posi-tions for the Middle East in the

State Department and the White House. The second new factor is that the Clinton administration is fairly openly moving away

from the bedrock of Bush-

Baker policy - Resolution 242 and "land-for-peace." The Gaza Strip, the West Bank and Jerusalem are no longer considered by the U.S. "occupied territories" which would be returned in some form, in some way or other. They are now 'disputed territories." sovereignty over which is de-

Jordan may yet have to face a very grave consequence of Israel's U.S.-backed dominance of the West Bank. The plan is to leave to the Palestinians only three confined enclaves, around Nablus, Ramailah and Hebron. Those outside these small ghettoes will be ethnically cleansed and pushed eastwards towards Jordan. To prevent yet another mass influx, is Jordan prepared to put the army, with barbed wire entanglements, on the eastern shore of the river to keep hundreds of thousands out by main force?

The East Bank can no longer afford to continue its somewhat cool and detached afritude towards the tragedy that is overtaking the West Bank.

Scrutator has for many years been a sympathetic observer of the Palestinian scene and 'recently visited both East and West Banks.

Some in Israel are pleased about the crackdown against the ADL

By Jeffrey Steinberg Paul Goldstein

On Jan. 8, 1993, when the Executive Intelligence Review (EIR) released the book The Ugly Truth About the ADL, there were already clear signs that the once-monolithic Zionist lobby inside the United States was beginning to crumble. When the San Francisco Chronicle revealed one week later that police had raided the offices of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) in both the Bay Area and Los Angeles, and were probing a massive ADL espionage ring implicating league officials in the passing of classified government documents to Israel and South Africa, it became even more evident that something dramatic was unraveling inside the Lobby. Manifestations that serious

policy differences within the Zionist lobby leadership in the United States had erupted, began to appear in the summer of 1992. with the defection of a well-placed employee of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Greg Slabodkin, who is now living in Israel, quit AIPAC's "opposition research" staff and publicly described a string of horror stories about AIPAC and ADL spying and physical intimidation o Arab-American and Jewish-American activists opposed to the Likud government's hard-line stance on the Middle East peace talks and the issue of a Palestinian state. Writing in the July 1992 issue of the Washington Report on the Middle East, Mr. Slabodkin charged that "today, such national Jewish organisations as the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) are using (McCarthyite) tactics to stifle open debate of U.S. policy in the Middle East." He charged that "the pro-Israel lobby" has redefined anti-Semitism to include "any criticism of Israel or

In May, as the probe of the ADL spying operation was gaining steam on the West Coast, Mr. Slabodkin appeared, giving an interview to Village Voice writer Robert Friedman, the author of a highly critical biography of the late rabbi Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defence League. Mr. Sla-bodkin named ADL fact-finder Yehudit Barsky as a conduit for Israeli police data into files at ADL headquarters. According to Mr. Slabodkin, Mr. Barsky received Israeli police dossiers from embassy officials on Palestinian human rights activists who were beginning to receive favourable coverage in the American press.

Rabin delivers a warning

Last autumn, shortly after his election to become prime minister of Israel, Labour Party leader Yitzhak Rabin came to Washington to meet behind closed doors with the national leadership of AIPAC. According to reports from several participants, Mr. Rabin tore into the AIPAC executives for their rabidly pro-Likud policies. He demanded a thorough house-cleaning, or else, he threatened, he would order a full-scale public break with AIPAC by his Labour government. Shortly after the session,

AIPAC Executive Director Thomas Dine, an architect of the hard-right turn, was promoted to a low-visibility post

On Nov. 3, 1992, AIPAC President David Steiner was forced to resign his post after an audiotape became public in which he boasted to a prospective contributor about AIPAC's clout with Bill Clinton, and his personal role in secretly obtaining billions of dollars in additional aid for Israel from Bush administration Secretary of State James Baker. New York businessman Harry Katz provided the tape of his phone conversation with Mr. Steiner to 'a variety of news outlets. On the tape, Mr. Steiner boasted, "We have a dozen people in (Mr. Clinton's) headquarters and they are going to get big jobs" with the new administration.

B'nai B'rith began to feel some of the same heat from within the Zionist lobby circles. On Dec. 20, 1992, columnist Richard Cohen, long a friend of the ADL, penned a stinging

Middle East peace matters,

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the Anti-Defamation League of

attack on the league in his regular Sunday column in the Washington Post Magazine. Mr. Cohen chided the ADL for spreading anti-Semitism; "The Anti-Defamation League, having commissioned the Boston polling firm of Marttila and Kiley to deter-mine the level of anti-Semitism in America, came up with a most gratifying finding. There is less anti-Semitism than there used to be but more than enough to keep business. As a Jew, I can say that

"The pillorying of AIPAC and ADL inside the United States and the growing internal criticism of their strong-arm methods from inside the Zionist lobby itself has had an echo inside Israel. While the news media inside Israel have blacked out the ADL spy story to a very great extent, the weakening of the U.S. supporters of hard-line policies has enabled Prime Minister Rabin and his fragile Labour coalition government to stay in power and launch a serious effort at reaching some kind of peaceful coexistence with Israel's Arab neighbours."

Times published a story on the AIPAC flap, describing the fallout from the Steiner-Katz incident. The newspaper noted that it came on the heels of a string of other disclosures that have "rocked AJPAC." including the recent 'tongue-lashing" it got from Israeli Prime Minister Rabin. "AIPAC officials insist that they have patched up relations with Mr. Rabin, who will be addressing their annual dinner. Nevertheless, even some AIPAC insiders aeknowledge that the Steiner affair did not come out of the blue. Too often, they say, AJPAC has attracted at both the professional and volunteer levels people more interested in wielding power and going to the White House than in dealing with some of the less glamorous particulars of Israeli or American Jewish affairs." The New York Times article referred to this as "the arrogance of power that seemed to infect AIPAC as it grew in leaps and bounds."

Before the end of November Mr. Steiner had been replaced as AIPAC president by Steve Grossman, a millionaire liberal Democrat with close ties to President-elect Clinton and former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. Mr. Grossman told reporters at the time of his appointment that his views on the Middle East were more "dovish" than his predecessor and that he would be working closely with Prime Minister Rabin in efforts to revive the peace process.

ADL hit next

As the new leadership team, more inclined toward a Labour Party orientation concerning community in the deep south to

Five days later, the New York last part with tongue in cheek and with a certain amount of impunity. You had better keep your mouth shut. The last sentence is predicated on the assumption that you, the reader, are not Jewish. As I read some of the statements (in the poll), it struck me that I would not always have given the 'right' answers, and that a non-Jew might have answered them 'right' by lying. Maybe we are, at least, becoming a nation of unbiased people. On the other hand, maybe we're just becoming a nation of liars."

Mr. Cohen, who one year earlier had been a guest speaker at an ADL international conference on the spread of anti-Semitism in Montreal, was delivering an important message from the more liberal wing of the Zionist lobby that the AIPAC-ADL bully tactics and right-wing politics would

Mr. Cohen's unexpected blast was followed by another heavy blow to the ADL's prestige. Los Angeles Times Washington, D.C. bureau chief Jack Nelson, a respected journalist who had covered the civil rights struggles in the South in the 1960s, published a book lambasting the ADL for running a private dirty tricks programme in cahoots with the FBI and directed against the civil rights movement. The Nelson book, Terror in the Night, was published in late December. It catalogued the role of the ADL's New Orleans office director Adolph Botnick in conduiting \$70,000 to two top Ku Klux Klan terrorists in Mississippi. Mr. Nelson described Mr. Botnick as a rabid anti-communist who used

the ADL's clout in the Jewish

harass civil rights activists and even instigate violence against Jewish community leaders in order to whip up support for the ADL's role as a "Jewish defence

On Jan. 15, 1993, the San Francisco Chronicle broke the ADL spy scandal. Indictments against top ADL officials are

Israeli political moves

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During May, 1993, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has anempted to revive his mid-1980s appeal for a Middle East "Marshall Plan," now amplified by proposals for a Turkey-to-Morocco rail line aimed at integrating the eastern Mediterranean region economically. In a June 7 interview with Reuters, Mr. Peres reported that a peace treaty with Jordan is all but finalised, and that Israel hopes to complete bilateral agreements with Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt. While the settlement of the Palestine issue is a thornier matter, there are now persistent reports from the official Israeli press of a possible unilateral Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, making a landfor-peace deal a real possibility

for the first time. Sources in both Israel and the United States say that the shortterm moves on the part of the Rabin government to regain some momentum in the regional peace process are a reflection of the temporary problems at ADL and AIPAC. As long as the American Jewish circles aligned with the Likud hard-liners are under attack, the prospects of momentum on the peace process are at least improved.

A recent issue of the Washington Jewish Week reflected this situation. The June 3 Washington Jewish Week carried a strong editorial defence of the ADL. drawing extensively from the league's press releases. The same issue featured a full-page advertisement by a previously unknown group called "Pro-Israel." blasting the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations for giving membership status to Americans For Peace Now, a group supporting a land-for-peace settlement which is linked to a faction in the Rabin government. The ad also contained a harsh attack against President Clinton for his own proclivities towards favouring the Peace Now viewpoint, and for appointing several members of Americans For Peace Now to top posts in his administration.

If the Washington Jewish Week editorial and advertisement reflect a decision on the part of the hard-liners inside Israel and the Zionist lobby inside the United States to go into a more aggressive posture, fireworks can be expected - Executive Intelligence Review.

Signs of the times

By Gwynne Dyer

TAKE THE innate need of human beings to impose pattern and meaning on even the most random events. Add the general need of the mass media to dramatise, and top with the need of the pipe-sucking punditry to show off its analytical prowess by linking every local incident to some grand pattern of pobtics and his-

The need for a dramatic pattern in current affairs is so strong that if reality doesn't provide it, pundits will invent one. Which is why the mass media have agreed that the end of the cold war has unleashed a wave of ethnic vio-

"Horsefeathers: The fact is that there is no more ethnic violence in the world now than there has been at any other time since the

fall of the colonial empires. The recent and belated collapse of the last colonial empire, that of the Russians, has led to tremely cynical ways. But it isn't rather more ethnie violence than we are used to in the area once ruled by the Russian empire and its successor, the Soviet Union. But when you consider that a 300-year-old empire has just collapsed, there has actually been much less violence than you would expect.

There is a dreadful war of succession raging in former close to attempted genocide at Yugoslavia, and nasty little wars times. And the Lebanese civil sputter on in the Caucasus and Tajikistan. But ont of the 425 million people who lived under Soviet domination until three against the Kasaian minority m years ago, fewer than 50 million have heard a single burst of three decades of rule by the Tuts machine-gnn fire since then. They live amid poverty and tur- by a pogrom against the Huts moil, but so far they are living in

cans all bave crazies in their midst ethnic domination, is negotiating who blow people and things up in its way towards a democratic the name of sacred sovereigny, but they've been doing that for decades. Nothing has changed - and at least Europe's idcolo-

disturbing phenomenon notations. Europe, the home of modern nationalism, is clearly still susceptible to the more virulent

forms of the virus. But it's over 15 years since central Loudon was first overma by skinheads (many of whom belonged to the National Front until their pimples cleared up). Yet Britain is still governed by Dull Normals like John Major, not by juvenile fascists. Are German skinheads really more a sign of the times than the fact that the Czechs and the Slovaks managed to have a civilised divorce, with-

out a shot being fired? As for the rest of the world, there is no pattern of mounting ethnic violence. There is certainly a pattern of chronic ethnic violence, which is about what you would expect in a primate species with strong tribal reflexes and los of ambitious people who are willing to push our buttons in ca

getting worse, and it might even be getting better. The Iraqi regime has murdand up to 200,000 Kurds in its attam ted genocide against the Kurdis minority since 1989, but Eritrea's independence last month marks the end of a 30-year Ethiopian campaign to hold onto the province which veered perilously

war is over. There is a government-backed etbnie cleansing under way Shaba province in Zaire. But minority in Burundi, reinforced moil, but so far they are living in peace.

Western Europe? The Basques, the two kinds of Irish in Northern Ireland and the Corsicans all bave crazies in their midst

solution to its conflicts. The whole notion that ethnic decades. Nothing has changed violence is spreading uncontrol-there recently on the ethnic frong ably is ethnocentric garbage. It has been cobbled together by gical crazies of 're left (Red underemployed commentators Army Faction, Red Brigades, with nothing better to pontificate etc.) are aging into irrelevance. about, and supported solely by The ideological crazies of the the fact that there's a bit more right, the sort who burn the etbnic conflict in Europe (which houses of Turks in Germany with the residents inside, are a more world) — The Jerusalem Post.

LETTERS

Democracy at work

Last week's exchange between His Majesty King Hussein and members of the Upper House of Parliament broadcast by Jordan Television was a rare event. Jordanians could see for the first time how the King would seek the counsel of his council. This was full-fledged democracy in action and on TV screens.

So far, people thought that the King's council, the Senate, was reflecting the policies the King wanted implemented. Yet what we saw on TV was certainly different. Some agreed with the King's intention to change or amend the Election Law while some cautioned against any change.

The King and the senators provide an excellent example of how the concepts of shura and democracy work

> Dr. Sa'ad Abudaych, Associate Professor; Yarmouk University.

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Reinventing the role of the father

By Marie Gaelle Florent

The French law of July 22 1987 (called the Malhuret law) gives divorced parents equal rights in parental authority. However, after a divorce or a separation (just over 100,000 divorces are pronounced every year in France), the father only gets custody of the children in 9.3 per cent of cases.

PARIS - is the law badly made? Are the judges unfair? In Or, with the development in attitudes, should we query the role a father should play "in our societies?

The time when fathers, with the responsibilities of being the heads of the family. simply played a rôle of authority and protector, is over. Thirty years after the explosion of feminism, men are having a tough time finding their true place in the new. Tamily situation. With mothers having full authority and playing the part of both -parents, one is no longer sure what a father is for.
Who is to blamc? Some

people reply that it is society's fault. Since the 1970s. psychosociologists point out the 'ostracism of the father in over-organised societies". Boris Cyrulnik, in his book "Sous le Sign du Lien" (Under The Sign of the Link), published by Hachette, asserts that "The role of parent becomes transparent owing to female vigour which is strengthened by the Welfare State. Our present-day fathers, who have been dispossessed and eliminated from the intermediary space between the mother and society are unable to exist sensorially in their families because the organisation of our socie-

ty pushes them out". Psychologists are also responsible. In propagating their theories, they have contributed to "inflating motherhood", always giving greater

importance to links between the mother and child and neglecting relations with the father and his biological affi-

The law is also guilty as it reinforces the parental power of women, as, applying to non-married couples, it excludes the natural fathers even if they acknowledge the child and live with it. Thus, the 30 per cent of children born out of wedlock legally "belong" to their mothers and not to their fathers.

Models

Until 1987, in order to establish equal rights in parental authority, it took a lengthy and expensive court case. The law of July 22, 1987 has simplified the procedure. It is enough for the parents to make a joint declaration to the judge who will ascertain the child's belonging to both parents and their wish to exert their parental authority

The law of Jan. 8, 1993, modifying the common law,



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goes even further. Parental authority is 'exerted jointly if the parents of a child born out of wedlock, both acknowledge it before it is one year old and live together at the time of acknowledgement".

At a time when there is much discussion concerning male identity, it might be interesting for men to become responsible as fathers themselves, for it is they who govern, make and abolish the laws and make the decisions.

Fathers today, deprived of their children when they divorce, in quest of an identity and of a model to hand down,

urgently have to reinvent the role of a father. The fact of being a "dad" does not depend on the law or on genetic reality, but on a personal decision which is his alone. One can be a father without being a "dad" and a "dad" without being a father -L'Actualite en France.

Successful Asian women belie downtrodden image

By Jeremy Wagstaff Reuter

マジスKARTA — Indonesian marketing manager Chrysan-्रं ti Hasibuan-Sedvono was cleaning out her daughter's coom when she came across something that changed the

daughter's diary... -cir about how much she missed we me. We loved each other dearly but I realised at a certain point that my proattention with my children. Inal was a ruge awakening.

she said in an interview. She resigned from her job with he, three children. ** Sbe later returned to less <a>≦: demanding work that allowed her to balance the roles of mether and businesswoman.

, Ms. Hasibuan-Sedyono's experience is not unusual in a region where women are in-

creasingly free to enter business, though not at the expense of their family respon-

But women report success in finding compromises that are compatible with Asian traditions of the family.

"In the course of our research we found that South women managers," said Victoria Licuanan, the editor of a newly published study of women entrepreneurs in South East Asia.

Authors of the book, sponthe man Asian Institute of Management and the Canadian International Development Agency, interviewed 455 successful women from Indonesia. Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. They concluded that a

typical woman entrepreneur was a middle-class 42-yearold, married for about 18

years and a mother of tinee. She also has an extended family and domestic network advantages not generally enjoyed by her counterparts

in the West. The study found a rise in the number of women reaching the upper echelons of business, despite con-East Asian societies are tinuing discrimination and among the most hospitable to "the absence of any real institutional framework for ensuring equal opportunity.

In the past two decades in South East Asia, the number of women who are selfemployed or in management risen dy between three and 10 per cent, and women now account for roughly 25 per cent of these two categories.

"A major difference seems to be that the South East Asian woman has an extended family to support her, or at least a family helper. This does not seem to be so applicable in the West," said Ms. Hasibuan-Sedyono, who gathered data on Indonesian women for the book. Armed with the support of

a wider family base, South East Asian women said they were able to devote more time to work without the burden of worrying excessively about their children. · But some said there were hmits to this freedom.

"No matter how successful a woman could be in her career, people would always end up asking 'how is it with her family?'. And unfortunately, whenever there was wrong with the family, the women were always to blame," said Gunarijah Mochdie, vice-president of Indonesian pharmaceutical firm PT Sunthi Sepuri.

Despite the traditional problems, women entrepreneurs interviewed agreed that their success was in no small part due to the peculiar nature of business in South East Asia, which has long focused on the small, often family-run business.

The possibility of being able to run such a business from home provided a ready opportunity for women to become involved without formal training, said the book, entitled Women Entrepreneurs In South East Asia.

And what of the lingering perception of Asian women. downtrodden by chauvinist men, resorting to their female wiles and intuition to reap success? The book says some truth remains.

sised its conclusion that the qualities for success in female entrepreneurs were little different from those in male counterparts, it also acknowledged that her uphill struggle against sexist attitudes

was far from over. Those women who acknowledged that they met male stubbornness from husbands and colleagues gave differing views about how to deal with it.

Ms. Hasibuan-Sedvono said that women chose not to confront men either at the workplace or at home, preferring to use gentle persuasion with recalcitrant staff and the soft touch with ruffled husbands.

"I think South East Asian women have a way of going around, of not threatening the ego of the man...I think we make sure that our men are not hurt by our success. There are ways to get around she said.

The book played down such issues, saying women managers ruled out the female intuition of lore. But they all acknowledged they had to battle preconception of women as "fickle, flighty. soft and indecisive" and suitable only for "feminine"

MYSTERY MOVE TO THE TOP: Mr. Mohammad Saqqaf, who had served as minister of supply in Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker's government, has just been appointed as a special advisor to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. Notwithstanding the obvious and qualitative knowledge that Mr. Saqqaf carries with him to the Royal Court, his new post has been seen by some political cynics as a case of the advisor accepting good advice. The advice has everything to do with the next parliamentary elections and the minister's intentions to take part in them as we have been told. Mr. Saqqaf was gearing up to declare himself as a candidate for Amman's Third District when someone — or some people — whispered in his ear that he should stay away from the unnecessary expense since the contest would be an uphill task for him. Mr. Saggaf was still weighing his options when the news of his appointment made headline news in yesterday's Arabic newspapers, as far as we know. Can it be that that whisper finally changed his mind about contesting the hotly-contested seat in West Amman, or there is more to the story of his appointment that we do not know? The Diary did in fact try to ask this question directly to the well-respected minister, but he was unavailable for comment. Mabrouk on the new job,

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WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF APPOINT-MENTS: The resignation of Amman Mayor Mohammad Al Bashir was officially announced Tuesday but sources told the Diary the decision was taken long before the cabinet of Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Maiali assumed office in late May. Officially, Mr. Bashir resigned in order to run for parliament. Not exactly, sources say, contending that the mayor's resignation is the delayed effect of friction with the previous government. The mayorship of Amman is one of many senior positions made vacant after the formation of Dr. Majali's government, Candidates for mayor now are former Mayor Ali Suheimat, who had served as deputy prime minister in Sharif Zeid's cabinet, and Ali Abu Al Ragheb, former minister of energy in the same government.

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT A LA AMMAN:

Three cases of highway robbery went unreported during the past few weeks because most likely the victims were sons of prominent families in society. In one case the victim was attacked by a group of teenagers on the airport road where he was beaten up and a girl friend "kidnapped." The friend was later left alone on University Road unharmed, in another case, the sons of another well-known personality were stopped by apparently the same group of teenagers but having heard of the first story, the car driver hit the fuel pedal knocking one of the teenagers off the car and escaped untouched. While the details of the third case were yet to be revealed, one thing is clear: The press is not doing enough to press the police on some kind of word on what is really happening to the rich and influential among our countrymen.

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ROMANTIC CANDIDATE: An incumbent deputy running for reelection in one of the hottest districts in the Kingdom has many stories to tell about his new campaign. Apart from having to run around the desert looking for some 60 gypsies whose votes he hopes to attract to his ballot box, his relatives apparently had funny encounters of their own. "My cousin was entrusted to visit a certain family in my district and recruit their votes," the candidate told the Diary in his usual humorous style. "When he came back to see me after the visit, I found myself questioning him about all the details of his meeting. Did you ask about his children? Did you tell them that we would belp them in any way we could? Did you kiss him as you were leaving?" The by-now-exasperated cousin answered the final questison first. "Did I kiss him', you ask? I smooched the man. I literally french kissed him for your sake." What a pornographic way to make it to Parliament again!

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RICH AND TACKY: Amman is always buzzing with gossip about this or that wedding, but never as much as this week. The union between a Saudi businessman and a Jordanian businesswoman at the Intercontinental Hotel earlier this week carried enough talk material to keep the gossip mill grinding for months. It all began with the wedding invitation card which was made of gold and engraved with silver. Then came the revelation that the "front payment" for the marriage was a luxury villa in Amman, and the contract agreement on the "divorce payment" was the bride's weight in gold, no less. But to keep the gossip mongers busy until the actual date of the wedding, invitees were sent another card, along with the golden one, that had the picture of the bride and bridegroom sitting in the middle of specific instructions saying arrival at the gala should be at 8:00 p.m. and warning that the gates will be closed at 8:30. The latter card naturally allotted seat numbers to the invitees, "who should come without their children." On the day of the affair, the bride, adorned in a gold woven white wedding dress, carrying the initials of the happy couple on its tail. walked under arches of flowers accompanied by her by-now-busband in a white tuxedo with a tinge of gold on it. The party featured the well-known Egyptian dancer Dina as well as famous singers Hani Shaker, Amr Dhiab and Omar Abdullat. Two huge screens were erected to flash pictures of Their Majesties King Hussein and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia to the applause of dignatories like Adnan Khashogji, a spattering of Saudi princes and well-known Jordanian personalities. During the fanfare, the bridegroom was so elated with the signing of Hani Shaker that he took off his gold Rolex watch and presented it to the singer. All of the above had a beginning of course. The happy couple had arrived at the hotel in a convertible Range Rover standing on their feet throughout to greet "well-wishers" (who were none other than passers-by) who flanked Zahran Street on both sides. "Rich but tacky," was how one guest described the wedding. "Another, less grateful guest, could not keep the secret that the bride's family had connections to Muammar Qadhafi.

Nermeen Murad

BOOK REVIEWS

gests progress in all the spheres need not be simultaneous and chemical disarmament could be matched later in other

This is a bold suggestion and whether, say, the Arabs would be willing to put their chemical weapons capability on the arms control negotiating table while Israel retains its nuclear weapons remains to be seen. The success of such a proposal would depend on a degree of political trust which is yet to come about, as is well recognised by Herby -Middle East International,

Mohammad Ziarati

A many coloured thing

The Shi'ites: Ritual And Popular Piety in A Muslim Community By David Pinault I.B. Tauris, London 1992, £24.95 The Sufi Brotherhoods In The Sudan Bv Ali Saleh Karrar

C. Hurst & Co., London 1992, £30

Islam is often described as a rigid, narrow, formalistic faith but the subject matter of these two books shows it to be variegated, accommodating and a many coloured thing. It has, of course, been said that Shi'ism and the Sufi brotherhood do not reflect the essential nature of Islam because they are outside its main stream. The very opposite of the monolithic view of Islam is to be found in the writings of such scholars as Celner, Geertz and Gilsenan, who find such variety in Islam as to raise doubts whether there is any one such thing.

Dr. Pinault is clearly worried about the Sunni-Shi'ile divide because he has a chapter on "The Essentials of Islam Common to the Shi'ite and Sunni Traditions," but the more he labours to show how the two traditions overlap the clearer it becomes that a gap exists between them, and on fundamental issues. Hence while conceding that "The Qur'an lacks references to specifically Shi'ite issues," he enters the caveat that "Sunni and Shi'tte traditions diverge

from each other in practice far more than in theory." The "practice" that Pinault describes in detail and with sympathy is the "ritual and popular piety" of the Muslim community in Hyderabad in southern India, especially during the mourning month of Muharram. This is virgin territory and the material he presents on Matam, the self-mortification of the Shi'ite worsbiper, is fascinating. But is it Islam? Perhaps it should suffice that the community in Hyderabad believes that it is, while the usual Sunni view of such manifestations is that only God can decide who is or is not a true Muslim.

The Sufi brotherhoods or Tariqas are, in broad terms, the expression within Sunni Islam of those tendencies that are openly manifested in Shi'ism, even though at certain times and in certain places Shi'ites too have been critical of the Tariqas, which they have seen as competitors in the expression of "popular piety". With good reason, because throughout the Islamic World the Tariqas are immensely popular and therefore powerful, though their existence is semi-clandestine, as if they were something shameful. That is certainly so in the Muslim countries of Asia where the view of the Muslim establishments is that of the Pakistani scholar, Fazlur Rahman, which is that popular Sufiism is "Islam...at the mercy of spiritual delinquents."

Quite otherwise in Africa, where it was Sufi scholars and holy men who were largely responsible for the spread of Islam across the continent. In Sudan the Tariqas are especially prominent in religious life, which is why it is a pity that Dr. Karrar's book is so detailed and knowledgeable that it is more suitable for the scholar than the general reader. After chronicling the history of Islam and the Tariqas in Sudan (where he supersedes Trimmingham's hitherto standard works on the subjects), Karrar has 'chapters on "Structure and Organisation" and "Initiation and Ritual" which are most valuable and interesting because they are written with intimate, inside knowledge that is not easy to come by. Karrar's book is a welcome example of a new tendency in English-language Islamic scholarship - books about Islam written by Muslims. If the number of books on Islam written by non-Muslims had been matched by an equal number of books on Christianity written by non-Christians that situation would have been regarded as abnormal, which it is. Happily, as this volume shows, Islam is beginning to find its own authentic voice -Middle East International.

G.H. Jansen

Time for serious imitiative

The Chemical Weapons Convention and Arms Control in the Middle East

By Peter Herby International Peace Research Institute, Oslo 1992. \$15

Concern over the proliferation of weapons technology of various types in the Middle East has led to a stream of books coming onto the market, tackling the subject from different angles. This volume looks into the question of chemical weapons disarmament, and its related processes, in the Middle East within the context of the Chemical Weapons Convention, opened in Paris for signature on Jan. 13, 1993. Given the recent use of chemical weapons in the region and the probability of their use in the future, one cannot underestimate the timeliness of this book.

Any serious chemical arms control initiative in the Middle East must be based on a realistic assessment of the capabilities of regional states in this field, since region-wide confidence in the measures to be implemented requires certainty and knowledge about each country's chemical stockpiles to be destroyed. Although the book's third chapter attempts to provide an overview of such capabilities. Herby notes that deliberate ambiguity and purposeful disinformation by states in this area tend to complicate

An important thrust of the book is that, given the wide-ranging nature of obstacles on the way towards chemical disarmament in the Middle East which are a result of political conflicts, "a confidence-building process leading to eventual simultaneous accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention," is essential. The book proposes a rather long hist of measures which could be implemented by the regional states to improve confidence amongst them on the long and rocky road towards chemical disarmament.

Herby, very significantly, recognises the fact that che-

mical disarmament in the Middle East, "will need to find its

place within a broader regional arms control process which

includes conventional arms, nuclear weapons (and) missile

proliferation..." Although interrelated, however, he sug-

The Lonely Hearts Computer Club

By Jean-Claude Elias

Last week's Chip Talk was about the level of complexity today's Personal Computers (PC) have reached and how far from "personal" they sometimes are. This week, we take a look at two very different ways to communicate with your PC — as a stand-alone or "connected".

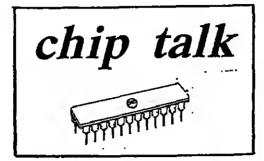
The connection can be with a LAN (local area network). a WAN (wide area network), a main frame (as a terminal) or via a unit called MODEM (MODulator-DEModulator). Even a simple Fax card inside your PC represents a connection. Physically speaking, some of the above protocols need special, dedicated cabling, while the others can work over regular telephone lines.

For most private users, a PC is a single machine. disconnected from the outside world and from other computers. Working in a safe haven, quietly, protected from external attacks, the lone user is guaranteed to escape from many a problem. First of all the stand-alone PC is much less subject to viral infections than networked machines, all users know how much of a nuisance viruses are. Unless he or she brings an infected diskette copy from a friend or a colleague, the single user won't catch

any virus.

The advantage of working solo isn't in virus protection only. Being able to use a programme or data files without having to share them with other PCs is another major benefit. On a network, other users can access your files, at the same time you are using them. Naturally there are passwords systems to prevent PC operators from unauthorised access to data, but all the passwords in the world won't give anybody the same protection level as being physically disconnected from other computers.

Being the only person to use your PC means you will always find your work as you left it. No one will alter the shape or format of your files and programmes. No one will change the way your Windows look when you start them.



Most of all, no one will be able to delete important work you might have done.

The benefits end here. A single user is, by definition ... a single person. This person will probably, sooner or later, for better or for worse, get married, that is to say be "connected". It's practically unavoidable. Forget about safety and tranquility.

In spite of the danger, communicating with other machines is a fascinating experience. It's the future of computing anyway. Computer users have accumulated an incredible wealth of data over the past few years. Having the possibility to access such data and sharing it (international data banks for instance) is a priceless privilege and

an extremely powerful work tool. Two PC users equipped with Modems can send each other programmes. data, letters, drawings, files via their home telephone lines, whatever the distance. Simply put, a Modem makes your PC a super facsimile machine. Actually it's much more than that.

Computer hackers — those talented youngsters who try to gain unauthorised access to data -, viruses and other negative elements, won't and can't stop the already widespread usage of computer communications and connectivity. Just as true as aircraft accidents never prevented any passenger from traveling by air.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Mohammad A. Shuqair

AMAZING FACTS

- In the past pirates and sailors used to leave goats to graze on uninhabited grounds so as to benefit from them on their return.

- A German trained his tame dog to fly a plane. The dog. could perfectly master this art.

- Nero, the Roman emperor, used a magnifying lens fixed on a ring gilded with precious stones.

- Experts can identify the atmospheric conditions of the past seventy-million years by examining the dusts carried by storms and deposited in the depths of seas

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SAY IT IN ARABIC

Common phrases

- Who is this man? — What does he want?

Meen hadal rijjal?

- Where did he come from? — What is he talking about?

Eish biddou? Aja min fain?

Eish bi-yehki?/Shoo bitkallam? I can't understand what he says.

Moosh fahem eish bi-yehki.

— Does he speak Spanish or German?

Howwa bitkallim Spani willa Almani? — What is his name? - He seems to be a stranger. Bayen alaih rijjal ghareeb.

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COOKING IS FUN

COFFEE PASTRY

INGREDIENTS

— 3 eggs — ½ cup sugar — ¾ cup flour

- 1 tsp camp coffee

METHOD

1. Beat eggs and sugar in a bowl over a pan of hot water until it becomes frothy.

2. Mix sifted flour lightly and dust baking tray with flour. 3. Bake it in moderate over (350 F) until inserted wooden

pick comes out smoothly. 4. Cool and cut it into one layer. Spread butter icing.

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. When was the Red Cross first formed?

2. What is the first name of the continent of America?

3. Name . IREE persons who declined the Nobel Prize. 4. Who w the first recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize?

5. What is 'he female offspring of a mule called?

6. Who are popularly referred to as G Men?

7. Name the national flower of Pakistan.

8. In which cities will you find the following streets: a- Kurtui - e tim

b- the Loup c- Ponte L'i Rialto?

PARTY GAMES

TEN-UP

Players sit in a circle. The player chosen to start says: "One onion". Everybody in turn repeats this. When the turn of the leader comes again be says: "One onion and two tomatoes." Everybody in turn repeats this. The list of items is gradually increased and any player making a mistake or forgetting an item is eliminated. Here are some suggested phrases, which may, of course,

be changed at will:

One onion, two tomatoes, three thirsty thrushes, four fat fried fish, five famous film stars, six sizzling sausages, seven satisfied sailors, elight energetic elephants, nine nast nitwits, ten tasty tadpoles.

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YOUR DREAMS INTERPRETED

ABROAD: (Dreamer going or gone) An early journey. ACCIDENT: (Being the victim of one) Business deal

impending requires great caution. ANCHOR: A voyage across the sea: (in water) a disappointment; (if a girl dreams) a sailor will fall in love

ANGER: To dream of being angry with anyone mean

that that person is a true friend.

ANIMALS: As a rule, luck! (domestic animals) speedy

return of absent friends, family reconciliation: (Wild animals) secret enemies. APPLES: (Long life): (To a woman) many years and

many children. ARROW: A letter has been written which will cause

AXE: A way will present itself soon to attain a much

* * * * * **PUZZLES**

"Spelling errors"

(A) A youngster who was not known for his good spelling spent a summer at camp and occasionally wrote bome.

How many errors can you find?

Deer Mom and Dad:

It's rainning. Haveing nothing else to do I'm writhing to let you no I am O.K. Yesterday we went on a picknick. It was fun. We went swiming in a lake. Sum of us came out with leaches on us. Yuk! The counsillers helped pull them off. Then we played games. I wun. There is a nice shoot here in the lake, so we cood slide down into the water. I cood use sum more allowence and cookys.

Your sun,

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(B) Spot the stranger

Cross out the one in each group that does not belong with the other four.

(1) Emily Dickinson Edna St. Vincent Millay Walt Whitman Edgar Allan Poe James Fenimore Cooper

(2) Bartered Bride Barber of Seville Aida Merry Widow Mikado

(3) Renoir Degas Hals Wattean Monet



The reincarnation of Paul

By E. Yaghi

Until you try, you don't know what you can't do -Henry James

AMMAN - Can ice be hot? Is there beauty in death? Yes, it was possible, Emily thought. When her brother died in a car accident in the winter snows of America, the pain of his loss tore through her like a jagged dagger, hence, hot ice. And yes too, although his death was cruel and sudden. it was immediate, culminating in an everlasting sleep and peace which did make it beautiful in its own peculiar way.

Paul had a son, so did the father live through him? Time would tell for this American son was coming to visit his Aunt Emily, also American, and her Jordanian husband and children. A few days before his arrival, Emily's family all sat in the salon discussing the upcoming event. She said with a sigh: "Sometimes I regret the fact that when my brother Paul died, I did not go to America and try to take his son away from his mother and bring him back here with

"You know that was not at all feasible," ber husband replied. "His mother would never have given him up even

though I would have been happy to have him."
"I know you're right but I always feel guilty for not trying though I realise that even then it would bave been difficult for my nephew to adjust to our way of life."

He looked convincing when he stated assertively: "You know it would bave been impossible, not just difficult. The boy never could have accepted how we live. What time

We phoned the airline and they told us at 6:30 p.m. Are you and the kids going to meet him at the airport?" "Of course," he answered. I wouldn't miss being there for anything in the world, besides, he needs us there to greet bim.

She could taste the excitement. Anticipation was sweet. And now she would mother him and try to make up for all those years Paul Jr. bad lived without a father, imprisoned in a military institution for truant boys. He never learned to get along with his mother for he blamed her for divorcing his father and destroying him. Emily remembered how many times she had learned of his father contemplating suicide. Everything he had lived and worked for were gone, his wife, his son and even his home bad been part of the divorce bargain ceded to bis former wife. His whole life had been swallowed up in smoke and nothing but

Emily remembered how her own mother had written her saying how Paul Jr. had given his mother such a hard time after the divorce that even though she bad won custody of bim, she finally phoned her former husband and insisted: "Come and take the boy! I can't handle bim!"

So he did. He went to retrieve his son and at least had a companion in misery. But he had confessed to his sister that he never felt adequate as a single parent or that he was enough to fill the boy's life. "He needs a mother," he kept September 19 company of a september 19 of the september 19 of the

And as she sat on the sofa she said aside to herself: "Ob, how many letters of encouragement I wrote to my brother trying to soothe his fits of deep depression. trying to soothe his fits of deep depression. And

then when he finally decided he had something to live for, bis life was taken and he died after all. "And then she began talking to the deceased as if he were sitting next to her. "Oh Chiqqatita, when you left me, I needed your strength, your shoulder to cry on, but you weren't there. You deserted me! I felt a part of me died that day. Nothing could ease the agony of that terrible phone call from mom telling me you were gone. I remember my own small children crowding around me not understanding what was

hurting me. When I gathered them in my arms like a mother hen and kissed them and my tears fell on their downy heads, they didn't know what death was. They were too young. And when my husband's relatives came to pay their condolences, they expected fruit and tea as if they sat at a social gathering and regarding your life as unimportant because they did not know you and therefore considered you irrelevant. But you meant the world to me. So, my life went on, when I felt it should have ended too and in a way, part of it did and my walls came crumbling down around me like thunder. Can thunder be sweet? Is there concord in discord? The future will show."

A few evenings later. Emily's children and husband went to meet Paul Jr. and then around ten that night, a tall bronze young man in his early twenties, ascended the stairs of her home and when be neared the top, stopped and said with a shy smile while holding out his hand, "Hello, Aunt. How are you?"

She grabbed him, hugged bim and said breathlessly: "Oh, Paul, I will make up everything to you!" When he entered the parlour and put his suitcases down. she stared at him. Yes, she thought, he had his father's eyes but his mouth was his mother's. He still had the light brown

bair she had seen in pictures of him which he wore long. She couldn't take her sight off her nephew as if she were

But many days later when the newness began to wear away, his restless spirit began to show. One day after lunch he concluded to his aunt: "There are too many poor people here. I never want to be like them!

Emily knew he had inherited bis father's estate and that money must mean a lot to him but he just needed some guidance, she reflected and out loud she answered assuringly: "Just because you see someone poor doesn't mean you will contact the ailment. Affluency isn't as widespread bere as in America but conditions are much better than before.

He didn't appear interested or convinced. Emily felt be was unnecessarily selfish. He failed to show compassion for anyone, even her. Was she partly to blame for that? When she bad mentioned bow she had wanted to take him after his father's death, he retorted: "I wish you had. I was waiting for you to come! Mom didn't know how to deal with me so she put me in a military school. I tried to run away so many times but she forced me to go back."

Guilt crept up her spine and ber face flushed with regret.

"Oh, Paul, I'm so sorry!" and she kissed his cheek but he

Paul didn't care anymore. He had become hardened and thought only of himself. He had indulged himself for too long. Later, she discovered be lied too. He pretended he didn't have money so Emily's husband would spend on him and then he would go and throw his own money around on alcohol and rented cars which he wrecked. He started staying out late at night and Emily began to feel uncomfortable when her husband demanded: "Where's Paul? Hasn't he come home yet? What's he up to now? This boy is going toget in trouble and end up in jail. I think he's on drugs. He certainly can't be considered a good influence for our children!"

In spite of Emily's initial intentions and feelings of remorse, young Paul's visit was not successful. She had wanted to be his mother and hold him in her heart, but he had become an alien. When at last his visit came to an end all she could think was, "Thank God, he's gone! What a relief! I was so worried that he would cause more problems than he did. When he first arrived, I saw something of my brother in him, but only in looks, for he is made of stone and he learned to think of no one but himself." And then for the last time, she spoke to her dead brother: "No, Paul, I searched for you in your son, but you weren't there! Now I know that there is no such thing as reincarnation and no one can ever replace you!"

JTV CHANNEL 2 WEEKLY PREVIEW

Thursday, July 15

8:30 Too Close For Comfort

Jane finds herself unable to pay her share of the rent and starts looking for a job. When she finds one, it turns out not to her father's expectations.

9:10 Quantum Leap

Sam leaps back into time to find himself in the place of a theatre actor.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Feature Film - No

Starring: Kim Basinger, William Atherson and George Dzundza

8:30 Head Of The Class

Friday, July 16

Back To The Future

The class, with the help of Mr. Moore, imagine what they will be 20 years later.

9:10 Reasonable Doubts

Making Dirt Stick

10:00 News In English 10:20 Echoes

Saturday, July 17

8:30 Super Bloopers and New Practical Jokes.

9:00 Perspective

9:30 Varieties

10:00 News In English 10:20 Feature Film - Back-

Starring: Richard Widmark and Donna Reed

Jim Slater, a cowboy, is trying to find out who killed his father and stole \$60,000 from him. Accompanying him is Caroll Orney who is looking for gold.

Sunday, July 18

8:30 Step By Step

The kids promise their neighbours to take care of their dog while they are away.

9:10 Documentary - The Trials Of Life

10:00 News In English 10:20 French Mini-Series

Monday, July 19 8:30 Golden Girls

who has convinced himself that Kay will marry him. Wednesday, July 21 8:30 Night Court

Kay's ten year marriage to

Michael is far from a happy

one. So when, after yet another fight. Kay dis-appears. Michael, the police

and most of her friends con-

clude that she has left him.

She has in fact been abducted

by Donny, a social misfit who

was once in Kay's class and

court, takes the Judge's Assistant hostage.

In this episode a retarded guy

who carries a gun inside the

9:10 The Story Of Hollywood.

The documentary talks about the relationship between the very famous actors in Hollywood and their producers, and how they had to abide by the rules and the regulations

the government put. 10:00 News in English

10:20 Mini-Series - "Harry's Game"

Harry decides to carry on his mission and at the same time the IRA in Ireland assigns Billy boy to kill the British chief of the investigators in Ireland.

Rose falls in love with Miles and he gives her a ring. Rose gets excited and shows the ring to Dorothy. Blanche and Sophia. Sophia does not like the idea and tries all her best to spoil this relation.

9:10 Thirty Something

10:00 News In English

10:20 Street Justice Cougar finishes his stay in jailand wants his daughter, who

was adopted by a very nice.

family, to return to him.

Tuesday, July 20

8:30 The Detectives

Teed Off

Louie and David are two private investigators. Both are naive. In this episode they are assigned to follow someone who sells arms.

9:00 Faces And Places

A Kind Of Magic

10:00 News In English

10:20 Feature Film - "For" Better - And For Worse" Starring Kate Nelligan and

Jennifer Beals

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Stallone hits new peaks in Cliffhanger

By Robert Shelton

LONDON — It's difficult to think of the commanding Hollywood superstar Sylvester Stallone as a loser, even temporarily. Yet his last two films were box-office flops that left audiences and rey viewers cold.

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Now, the creator of Rocky and Rambo is on the comeback trail, reaching new heights as a mountain rescue hero in Cliffhanger. The film, already a runaway hit in America, opened in Britain on June 25 and stands poised to be his biggest-earning film

"I'd made a couple of comedies that didn't ring my bell," the muscular actor said in a recent interview. "I decided I was really a niche performer who needed another big action film to ring the bells at the box office, the way that the comedies Oscar and Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot didn't."

Stallone says he started looking around for the right script. "We took a look at Gale Force, about a hurricanne, and Kenny Harlin — the director — and I decided it wasn't right. God knows, I've played enough cops in my time, so I didn't want to do that again. I wanted to use elements never done visually on this magnitude before, so we were quite excited about the Cliffhanger idea."

In the film, Stallone plays a mountain rescue man who has quit after a tragedy. He is persuaded to help in the cbase for arch-villain John Lithgow, whose team has hijacked a cargo of \$100 million in mid-air and plans to pick up the loot high in the Rocky Mountains. It was decided that the Rockies weren't photogenic enough, so shooting took place in the Dolomites, the Italian Alps, with studio work at Cinecitta, near

The film generates vertigo in viewers — you feel as if you are right on the edge of a dangerous precipice. Harlin, the Finnish-born director of Die Hard 2, and Stallone collaborated to give the feeling of danger that is sweatyhanded realistic. Curiously. Stallone says he's afraid of heights, but this man lives on challenges

"When I'm afraid of something, that usually means a good omen for me," Stallone explained. "When I hate something, like heights, it means I'm afraid of it. In this case, I turned the fear and hatred into an unusual challenge." At first, he says, he tended to hang back from the edge of snowy cliffs. As his confidence grew during the shoot, he got so he could eat his lunch with his feet dang-

ling right over a ledge.
"Challenges make me work harder," the actor/ director/writer explained. "They say that climbers have a death wish and are turned on by the dangers. You get seduced by the dangers.' And for all the precautions that were taken, you always had to remember that hard rock can snap a safety cable as if it were rope, not steel, he noted.

After cataloguing the physical dangers of making Cliffhanger, he reported hurting himself in a runway car in Demolition Man. "I was also badly hurt in Rocky II and needed a lot of stitches to recover from that." Although he looks indestructible, Stallone says there is a high price involved in the high earnings of an action hero. "My arm turned a beautiful shade of Wedgewood Blue, and I became a sort of technicolour brother. I was in danger of losing a rib. So I said to myself, 'I am not Adam' - and began intensive self-treatment to get myselt back in shape."

Stallone is a bundle of fascinating contradictions. The power of his five Rocky and three Rambo films is such that you tend to think of him as an inarticulate grunter, more physical than mental. Certainly, his street speech doesn't proclaim an intellec-



Sylvester Stallone's biggest hurdle in his new film Cliffhanger was overcoming his fear of heights

But he's widely read and tuned in. His script for the life of poet Edgar Allen Poe

may yet star Daniel Day-Lewis. He talks of Rocky as a figure of "redemption" and loves a joke to keep his colleagues in good spirits, despite his unsuccessful com-

edies on screen. The last thing you would assume of him is that he's a fine writer. He even denies the pivotal part he played in revising the Cliffhanger script to make it work as well as it does. "The truth of it is that I never asked for the writing credit. The script we bad lacked character delineation. We were eight days from the end of shooting, and we had run through four of five teams of writers. Three days later, we had a script we could use. The last thing I want to do is write. If asked to write, I'll generally say

He had created the character of prize-fighter Rocky Balboa nearly 20 years ago, and several producers wanted to buy his script as a vehicle for a name star. Stallone said no to that, too, because he was determined to play the role and direct his own story. In 1976, Rocky won the Best Picture Oscar, and he wrote and starred in the four sequels and directed all but Rocky V.

Stallone knows all about competition, but he seems to be hearing the sound of a distant drummer in deciding his next career moves. He's already made the action film Demolition Man and will play the comic-book hero Judge Dread next.

The actor thinks the action thriller film is changing its shape but retaining its essential thrust. Responding to criticism on the blood and gore that make up his action movies, be explained: "My films in the 1980s are walks in the park compared to some of the violent films of the 1990s. I don't want to cast any aspersions, but some of these recent films are really beyond violence. They are a lot worse than Rambo."

The trend that Stallone sees now is that the film violence will be diluted with a bit of humour, to stress entertainment values. With a dry cackle to underscore his words, he says be has to laugh at the idea of family films dominating Hollywood output of the future. "What are we going to have? Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer holding a machinegun? Or the Seven Dwarfs Rob a Bank? No. there will always be heavyaction films. They are part of the lore of the cinema."

He doubts that another Rambo film about the Vietnam War will be made. "Rambo is scrambo," he joked. "If it isn't made in a year, it won't ever be made." But be notes that some European investors are keener on a sequel to the series than he

Stallone gives a lot of thought to roles he would like to play. "I suppose I would! really like to find a script that makes me an ambiguous villain. Not like Henry: Portrait Of A Serial Killer That's too close to home for me. I would like to play a character who's really dastardly — like one of our former presidents," he said, naming no names.

The actor was born in New York but began acting in the suburbs of Philadelphia. He was also a young star football player. After two years of teaching at the American College in Geneva, he studied drama at the University of Miami and started to write. He broke into films in 1974 in a small role in The Lords Of Flatbush, a film for which he was also credited with writing "additional dialogue.

Stallone was passing through London to launch the latest opening of the burger-bar Planet Hollywood chain in Soho. He and his partners — Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger – lend their powerful publicity muscle to the enterprise for a slice of the profits. Inevitably, fans will watch the varying fortunes of the threesuperstars as Arnold surges in popularity and Bruce is offered \$20 million to do a third Die Hard film — World News Link.

By Matt Spetalnick Reuter

LOS ANGELES — He has become the world's biggest box-office star playing tightlipped loners who let their guns do their talking.

But now, after riding away with a fistful of Oscars at this vear's Academy Awards, Clint Eastwood is ready to shed his tough-guy image and prove that even Dirty Harry can tug at an audience's heartstrings.

For perhaps the first time in his career, the 63-year-old movie icon cries openly on screen in his new thriller In The Line Of Fire, in which he plays an ageing secret service agent still haunted by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

German Director Wolf-≋gang Petersen, best known for e critically acclaimed film Das Boot, declares it 'one of those magic moments" in movie history. "You have never seen something like that in a Clint Eastwood movie, never ever in 30

Dirty Harry in tears? Clint sheds flinty image years," he said proudly.

For his part, Eastwood who first won fame as a lean, stone-faced cowboy in films such as Hang 'Em High and High Plains Drifter doesn't think shedding a few tears will do his image any

"I'm playing vulnerabil-ity," he said drolly in a recent interview. "I've never been

The film marks Eastwood's first acting role since Hollywood made his day at the Academy Awards, honouring him with two Oscars - his first ever - for directing and producing the revisionist western Unforgiven.

But in The Line Of Fire. a \$40 million Colombia Pictures release, boasts another distinction as well.

It is the first major film produced with the full cooperation of the secret service. the normally reclusive agency charged with protecting the

It just doesn't get the air-

play or respect it deserves.

Americans do not appreciate

it as a cultural art form and as

a result, young black musi-

state, he says.



Clint Eastwood in the film Unforgiven

U.S. president and his fami-

"That mentality that you take the bullet for somebody you might not even respect... is very hard to understand but at the same time admirable." Eastwood said via satellite linkup from Austin,

Texas, where he is filming on location.

In The Line Of Fire flashes back to the darkest hour in secret service history, Kennedy's 1963 assassination in Dallas. It was a blow from which

several agents assigned to

Kennedy never recovered. They quit, turned alcoholic or were left emotionally scar-

Eastwood's character, Frank Horrigan, is modelled after one such agent. He is overwhelmed with guilt, wondering if he could have thrown himself in front of the president and saved him.

Thirty years later, Horrigan must match wits with a would-be presidential assassin (played by John Malkovich) who taunts him about

Eastwood said he researched the role by watching secret service training films and talking to agents he had met over the years.

The casting of Eastwood flattered the agency. With its stamp of approval, filmmakers were allowed to shoot key scenes at Secret Service Headquarters. A retired senior agent was hired as a technical adviser.

In The Line Of Fire gives Eastwood fans what they've come to expect from Hollywood's biggest box-office draw — shootouts and chase scenes. But unlike most of Eastwood's past heroes, Horrigan is also a loser of sorts, a brooding alcoholic living an

The unexpected happens when Horrigan is suddenly overcome with emotion while recounting his past failure to fellow agent Lilly Raines. played by former model Rene Russo.

What got the tears flowing. Petersen said, was his secret instruction to Russo to squeeze Eastwood's hand after his emotional confession. "Clint was really over-whelmed," he said.

Malkovich predicted that Eastwood's performance would only enhance his mythic image.

"He is American in a way that we are and a way that we wish we could be," he said philosophically. "There are quite a lot of Americans who are capable of treating you justly and fairly, but if you don't respond in kind, they are capable of shooting you. Executives at Columbia

Pictures believe they have a sure-fire hit on their hands. The studio is desperate to cut its losses from Arnold Schwarzenegger's megabudget flop, Last Action

Eastwood, once dismissed by critics as little more than a B-movie cowboy, feels vindicated by his Oscars but is trying to keeping it all in perspective. "I think that you have to put that all behind you and say 'that's wonderful, that was a great moment in time and now let's go on'. he said.

Changes also lie ahead in his personal life. He and 41year-old actress Frances Fisher, his long-time companion, are expecting a baby in early September. He is aiready the father of two adult children.

Eastwood is making his return to directing with A Perfect World, in which he stars as a Texas lawman in the 1960s hunting down an escaped convict played by Kevin Costner.

By Steve James Reuter

TEANECK, New Jersey -For a man who creates some of the most harmonious sounds in jazz. Milt Jackson sometimes gives off some discordant vibes.

Not content to rest on the ensiderable laurels of a 40-Sear career with the Modern Jazz Quartet, Jackson appears to be on a crusade to rescue jazz in America.

The 70-year-old vibraphonist takes aim at an entertainment industry he says is riddled with prejudice and supresses his beloved music in the country of its

Jazz has lost some of its biggest names in recent years - Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Stan Getz, Sarah Vaughan — and is in a poor

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Milt Jackson — on a crusade to rescue jazz

"Many of the young people have been discouraged because they see the rock people make so much more

cians are being discouraged "They think that jazz is not a cultural art and they've from playing jazz, Jackson been made to believe it by believes. "Racism is definitely inwhat the media has told them volved but they don't like to talk about it." he told Reuand showed them," said the perennial winner of the Annual Down Beat Magaters at his home in the suburbs outside New York City. zine Award for best vib-"Sure there have been

great white (jazz) musicians-"You don't have any black jazz programmes on televi-...but that's not what I'm talking about. The reason it sion, they've always told was supressed first is because them it's not entertaining. So they're not going by what they hear, but by what it was black," said Jackson, for four decades the creative force of the Modern Jazz they're gonna see. And what they see is someone jumping Quartet alongside pianist

up and acting crazy. "If you play jazz the way we play, you don't have the time or the energy to be jumping up and down acting the fool," said the man of which the Los Angeles Times newspaper once said, "hearing Milt Jackson perform

must be a bit like watching

Picasso paint. Acting the fool is the last thing one expects from a man whose smooth vibe sounds defined the Modern Jazz Quartet (MJQ), which more than any other group succeeded in bringing jazz out of the gin joints and smokefilled dives into the concert halls of the world.

Coming off a mini-tour of the United States with the

MJQ, Jackson spoke of his new solo album, Reverence And Compassion in which his muted hammer-touch is augmented with lush strings. Some critics are already suggesting it could earn Jackson his second Grammy Award. (He won his first in 1969 for That's The Way It Is).

"My sole concentration at the moment is playing this kind of stuff with the small group and the strings," he said, before dropping a minibombshell for fans who place the MJQ in the forefront of the Bebop movement.

"I don't want to badmouth anyone, but I've never been crazy about playing Bebop," he whispered. "That's not my background. Bop was more

simply as "Mestre Talhinhas,"

the MJQ and was Lewis' influence.

The MJQ is due to release a new album in the autumn which includes collaborations with Aretha Franklin, Freddie Hubbard, Bobby McFarrin and Branford and Wynton Marsalis.

And the quartet will be playing two gigs in Switzerland this summer at the Montreux Jazz Festival - somewhere Jackson feels the music is appreciated more than in the United States. "It's different in Europe

and Japan, particularly in Japan, because of the cultural aspect. They're more deep into their culture and traditions than we are here," he

In America, he decries the way jazz is all but ignored by the large commercial radio and television networks and has to rely on smaller publicly

funded stations for exposure. "Don't tell me it can't be done or it can't be sponsored. It's deliberate sabotage," the mild-mannered Jackson said.

He said a renowned San Francisco jazz station recently moved to new premises with a resulting weakening of its signal. 'That ain't accidental, that's sabotage.

he said. 'The stations are saying 'I won't back that programme, won't back jazz.

Even though the MJQ played last year on NBC's Tonight Show, the group only got to play one of the compositions it had rehearsed, before the show resumed, he said.

"They talked to (actor) Danny Aiello...for over hall an hour about nothing and you tell me that was more creative and interesting than the 41-year history of the Modern Jazz quartet?"

"This music, as opposed to fusion music, disco music, rap music, lends itself to intelligence. We educate people, that's what this music is about. They don't want that because when people become too educated, the government can't control them.

"Once we've got the power of this music, we'll be like 4 Martin Luther King or a Mah colm X and they couldn't control us," Jackson said.

In age of video, marionette theatre is still going strong master now 83 also known

By Tony Smith The Associated Press

EVORA, Portugai — Darkness, then a drumroll. A curtain the size of a hand towel rises. Local olive oil fuels the shimmering stage lights. The audience gasps as six dancing angels appear, heralding God's creation of the world.

In a world of full of nintendo and video games, children and adults still marvel at the diminutive figures of the "Bonecos Di Santo Aleixo"

marionette theatre troupe. The rendition of the Book of Genesis by one guitarist and four puppeteers manipulating the rudimentary

"bonecos" — marionettes suspended on iron rods was one of 17 productions staged recently by troupes from 10 countries at this city's third international bienale of marionettes,

And although — or maybe because — this is the age of television, soap operas and videogames, the week-long festival was a resounding success. Theatres were packed

and audiences rapt. "There something boring about the routine of technology today, so now people are looking again at live performances," explained Jose Russo, one of Santo Aleixo's four

puppeteers. And there was plenty of life in all the festival's performances, although most of the actors were made from wood, cork, paper or cloth. Bulgaria's Credo Troupe stated a zany version of Nikolai Gogol's classic short story,

The Overcoat. Both kids and adults oohed-and-aahed as a tin soldier, a clockwork ballerina and an evil magician became embroiled in a triangle when David Syrotiak's Vermont-

based National Marionette Theatre made a toy store come alive after customers Peru's Hugo and Ines swathed themselves in black

cloth and painted expressive

faces on their bare knees and

soles of their feet to parody that most famous of puppets — Ріпоссьію.

"Despite the advent of cinema, soap operas and computers, marionette theatre never died, and it looks like it never will," said

But in the Alentejo, the rural region surrounding Evora, traditional puppeteering had a very close shave with death. The traditional repertoire

for Santo Aleixo's puppets had been passed down by word-of-mouth through generations of puppeteers. That was until Antonio

planned to retire. He had been criss-crossing Portugal by horse and cart for 40 years, staging shows in barns where, be says, "amphitheatres would emerge from the hay."

> sell his marionettes to Evora's cultural centre, train a new troupe of puppeteers and help them transcribe the lyrics of Biblical themes such as The Creation Of The World and The Birth Of The Baby Jesus.

Talhinhas agreed in 1975 to

"Ît took us three years to save four hours of repertoire," Russo recalled. The company now is trying to get

Talhinhas to help piece together The Passion Of Christ, the final Biblical piece still unstranscribed. In the more rustic Confes-

sion Of Mestre Salas. the puppets, which are no more than one foot (30 centimetres) high on average, traditionally banter with the audience in often bawdy, local dialect.

Since 1980, Russo has been the voice and hands behind Mestre Salas, a character who appears in all Santo Aleixo plays and is based on the typical Alentejo village "Festeiro" — a worldly, sly, but good-at-heart party tiger. Salas, with his entourage of

female "cousins," is the per-

fect foil for priest Padre Antonio in the tales of village goings-on and fisticuffs that rival Italian author Giovanni Guareschi's Don Camillo and Peppone and England's favourite puppets, Punch and

"This is adult theatre," said puppeteer David Syrotiak, of Brattleboro, Vt. "In the United States, people say puppets? That's for kids' but when they see a performance, they get transported into another world."

Syrotiak's sons. David, 27, and Peter, 25, grew up with their father's puppets and now pull the strings when favourite character? statistic Shakespeare of chil-four-headed monster sin draw the such as Pinocchio a barbershop quartet."

or Charles Dickens' A Christ mas Carol.

"The art is to give life to an inanimate object, give it per sonality with your bard bands," said son David "Puppet theatre can be some thing as simple as a teacup talking to a saucer.'

"The motto is, if human actors can do it better, then leave it alone, but for fantasy you can't beat puppets." said Peter.

''If you want a character to fly apart on stage, you can make him do it," he said. 'Can you imagine my favourite character? four-headed monster singing

Talhinbas, the last puppet A THE PARTY OF THE

Expensively educated doctors don't always deliver

By Kevin Aliro and Kalpana Sharma

'AMPALA — Dr. George fasembe graduated from lganda's Makerere Uniersity in 1988, but has since oft for the United States. "I we Uganda," he says, "but ou can't eat patriotism. I nust go where they can pay."
Between 1971 and 1987, he brain drain robbed Ugana of 1,500 doctors which it ad paid so much to train lmost twice as many as are ow practising in the country. Salaries in the Uganda ealth service are low, and ince the most recent cuts in ublic spending dictated by

he International Monetary

und (IMF), in some places

hey are not being paid at all. As the World Health Orga-

isation's year 2000 target of 'Health For All'

countries are suggesting that training doctors who are unlikely ever to work in a nation's health service is a waste of precious resources. And they say that the potential of nurses and community work-ers to improve health through education and preventive work is being neglected.

The situation is getting worse in many Third World countries, as IMF-imposed spending cuts cause dramatic deterioration in public health services as well as a haemorrhage of medical staff to the private sector or better-paid jobs overseas.

In India, the government subsidises education in most of the 138 recognised medical colleges, but most graduates enter the private sector or emigrate. Dr. Sanjay Nagral,

ernment college, says most of his classmates looked for higher-paying private-sector iobs. And those who attended private colleges also seek such jobs to repay hefty

Education in medical colleges is oriented towards hightech hospital medicine, rather than primary health care. Dr. Arun Bal of the Association for Consumer Action on Safety and Health says colleges "are turning out super-specialists, when we actually need many more general practitioners.

Dr. N. H. Antia, of the Foundation for Research in Community Health, agrees. The education doctors receive only prepares them for the private sector. They are culturally alienated from ru-

approaches, critics in many a recent graduate of a gov- ral areas and so dependent on high technology they would never be able to work in our ill-equipped primary health care centres.

> The high-tech, for-profit orientation of many Indian doctors is leading to an astonishing boom in medical technology. India's medical electronics industry grew more than tenfold between 1972 and 1986, when it was worth \$10 million.

> But the most expensive equipment is imported, often without duty having to be paid, thanks to the "trust" status of hospitals and economic liberalisation measures. Bombay has seven magnetic resonance scanners, each costing more than \$2 million. To recover the cost, private hospitals promote expensive tests using this machinery.

This trend is altering the public perception of health care. with quality being seen as synonymous with high-tech.

Yct most health care reports, anywhere in the world, recommend - more emphasis on health education and primary care - communitylevel clinics providing basic services - than on high-tech machines and doctors. The Alma Ata declaration, for instance, promoted by the Wotld Health Organisation (WHO) and signed in 1978, called for safe water, sanitation and primary health care to be available to all by the year 2000. But despite the wide adoption of these aims, primary and preventive care seldom command their share of available resources.

Uganda has, in theory, one doctor for 30,000 people, but almost all of them work around the capital, so the ratio in rural areas might only be 1:80,000. It also has a child immunisation programme, founded by UNICEF. but no comprehensive preventive health programme.

Many health workers are well aware of the importance of basic health and hygiene advice, but are unable to get out to rural areas to help. Nurse Hellen Okia from Paidha Health Centre in the rural district of Nebbi bemoans the prevalence of preventable diseases.

"Some of these are spread by poor sanitation and ignor-ance," she says. "And we have malnutrition that could be avoided. Some mothers still beat their children for eating fruit."

Intestinal worms and bilharzia are spread when human faeces contaminate living areas or drinking water. And plague is spread by rats. whose population booms if cereals are stored where the rodents can get at them. Nurse Okia and her colleagues know all these things could be tackled, but they lack even bicycles for trans-

Primary health care is not even on the curriculum in nursing and midwifery schools, so some health workers do not know what it is, believing it begins and ends with child immunisa-

In India. greater priority is attached to preventive health care, and the government has set compulsory targets. But the workers who are supposed to achieve a certain number of immunisations.

provide antenatal care and find candidates for sterilisation are also struggling to run the curative health service. Many do not have the time to do both, so simple ailments go untreated.

Another concern is that many of the preventive proiects are sponsored by overseas governments or aid organisations, who tend to set the priorities. Dr. Antia is one critic of this arrangement. He points out that the national programme against tuberculosis (TB) has just been cut back, although the country has nine million TB sufferers and 400,000 TB deaths a year. "In contrast, AIDS affects only a few thousand people, yet more money is coming in from overseas for AIDS control than for TB." he says - Panos features.

Vitamin A slows slide towards blindness for inherited disorder

By Paul Recer The Associated Press

VASHINGTON -- Large aily doses of Vitamin A can 'ow the slide toward blindess for patients with Retinis Pigmentosa and may save ears of eyesight for people ith the inherited affliction, a ew study indicates.

Dr. Eliot L. Berson, a Harard Medical School researher, said a dietary study of 00 patients with Retinitis igmentosa, or RP, showed hat Vitamin A therapy lowed the loss of eyesight. He said a patient who tarted Vitamin A therapy at ge 32 could retain vision ntil age 70 instead of losing ight at age 63.
About 1.5 million people

ave the disorder worldwide. The same study also showed hat large, supplemental oses of Vitamin E actually ccelerate the RP disease.

Dr. Berson said. At one time, he said, it was thought that both Vitamin A and E were beneficial.

"The course of disease was slowed, on average, among adults with the common form of RP who took Vitamin A," said Dr. Berson in an interview. "There was a suggestion of a more rapid rate of decline among those taking 400 international units of Vitamin E."

A report on the study was published in the Archives of Ophthalmology.

Achieving the beneficial effect requires daily doses of 15,000 international units, or IU. of Vitamin A. Dr. Berson said only Vitamin A derived from Palmitate was proven in the study to be beneficial. He said Beta-Carotene, a Vitamin A precursor, does not have the same predictable effect.

400 international units appeared to speed up RP disease, Dr. Bersor said. while levels of about three international units daily had no detectable effect on the disease. The therapy would

require Vitamin pills, he said. The researcher emphasised that all patients should consult with their doctors before starting the Vitamin supple-

Vitamin therapy may not be advisable for some patients, such as pregnant women or those with liver disease, hc said.

Dr. Berson said the treatment does not cure RP. The hallmark of RP — destruction of cells in the retina continues. but at a slower rate. The net effect, is that patients will become blind

RP is actually a group of disorders of the retina, a pap-

Vitamin E supplements of er thin tissue at the back of the eye ball where light from the eye lens is directed. The disease leads to the progressive destruction of cells, called rods and cones, that detect light and send signals up the retinal nerve to the brain.

> RP generally can be diagnosed in people by age 18. It first leads to a loss of normal nighttime vision, followed by the gradual progression to tunnel vision by the age of 40 or so. Remaining sight may be gone one to two decades later. There currently is no cure.

> The National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation in Baltimore called the Vitamin A therapy "the first useful treatment that may help pro-long" vision for RP patients. The organisation has started a national education programme on the Vitamin therapy.

Scientists solve mystery of how flu virus works

By Jim Fuller

WASHINGTON - Scientists have identified a springlike mechanism used by the flu virus to break into human cells, solving a long-standing mystery and providing a model that could help in the design of new antiviral drugs.

A report in the journal Cell said that the same mechanism may be used by many different viruses to cause infection, including the virus that causes AIDS. It may also be involved in common cellular processes such as the movement of chemical signals, called neurotransmitters, that carry information from one nerve cell to another in the brain.

Dr. Peter Kim, a researcher at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a co-author of the report, said that the process by which the flu virus fuses with human cell membranes has been a mystery for more than two decades. Infection by the flue virus essentially does not begin until the vital membrane fuses with and opens the cell membrane, spilling its contents into the body of the cell.

Dr. Kim said that the invasion process begins when the viral membrane, which surrounds the central core of the virus, binds to the surface of

the cell membrane. This causes the cell membrane to fold inward into a small bubble that surrounds the virus and seals it off. As a result. the virus is trapped inside a cell whose outer membrane remains intact, preventing the virus from dumping its genes inside the cell.

Scientists have known since 1985 that a protein molecule inside the viral membrane, called hemagglutinin, is used to fuse with the cell's bubble membrane. What has puzzled researchers until now is the fact that the membrane-fusing part of the viral protein molecule, called a fusion peptide, was not on the outside of the molecule, where it could act on the cell membrane, but buried deep inside of the molecule.

Dr. Kim said that, conceptually, understanding fusion was like trying to imagine plugging in a floor lamp with a short cord when the electrical outlet was in the ceiling. Dr. Kim and researcher

Chavela Carr, a postdoctoral student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, solved the problem by developing a novel model for membrane fusion based on a spring-loaded mcchanism that launches the fusion peptide to the surface of the

virus, where it can fuse with

and open up the cell's bubble membrane. The researchers began by

looking at the pattern of amino acids that make up part of the protein linking the fusion peptide to the rest of the hemagglutinin molecule. These patterns provided clues about the three-dimensional structure of the molecule. The observations and subsequent experiments led to the development of the

model for membrane fusion

in the flu virus.

'The piece of the hemagglutinin molecule that carries the fusion peptide is like a bent (coiled) spring — as you'd expect with a mechanical spring, tension causes the middle of the spring to uncoil," Dr. Kim said. "Two forces seem to hold the spring in the bent position: The fusioo peptide itself, which acts as a hook at one end of the spring, and another subunit of the molecule that acts

Dr. Kim and Dr. Carr found that when the fluid inside the cell's bubble membrane increases in acidity, which usually happens with newly formed bubbles, a change occurs that releases both the "hook" and the "clamp" inside the viral protein molecule.

as a clamp."

Bone loss found in women who

breast feed more than 6 months

"We've shown that the spring straightens out, allowing the fusion peptide to bury; itself in the membrane of the" endosome (bubble)," Dr. Kim said. "This mediates fusion.

"We believe that many." different viruses may use the spring-loaded mechanism toinitiate fusion," Dr. Carr said, including the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS.

The researchers reported. that the protein coat of HIV: is made up of two pieces called GP41 and GP120. Analysis of GP41 reveals an amino acid sequence that has striking similarities to the spring-like region inside the hemagglutinin protein molecule of the flu virus. Similarly, GP120 may be analogous to the clamp that holds the spring-loaded portion of hemagglutinin in the coiled position until the appropriate. time for membrane fusion. ::

Dr. Kim and Dr. Carr said that their model could help in the design of new drugs. With . regard to the flu virus, for example, they said therapeu-, tic agents might be designed to prevent activation of the fusion peptide's spring-like a mechanism when the fluid in the bubble becomes acidic. Another possibility would beto design agents that cause the spring-like mechanism toactivate prematurely -USIA.

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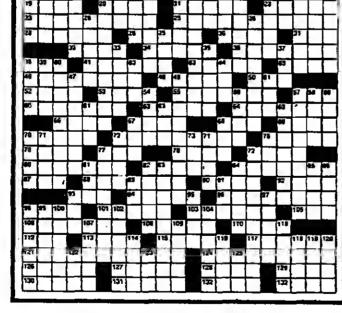
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Last Week's Cryptograms

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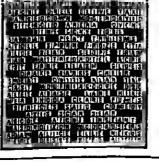
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DETROIT (AP) - Women who breast-feed for more than six months suffer significant loss of bone calcium, but seem to begin recovering by 12 months after giving birth,

according to a study. The findings released Tuesday raise concerns about the health of teenage and poor Third World mothers, but not about adult American women, said lead researcher Maryfran R. Sowers.

"Our findings may be particularly significant for under-developed countries, where nutrition may be inadequate," she said. "The women in our study were very healthy and well-nourished."

The study was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Dr. Sowers, an associate

professor of epidemiology at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, said the bone densities of nursing women rose between six months and one year after they gave birth.

However, the densities didn't return to normal levels by, the end of the yearlong

"The jury is still out on whether recovery will be complete for those who breast-feed longer than nine months." Dr. Sowers said. 'We also don't know the impact of subsequent births, nor do we fully understand the effects of...hormones on calcium absorption and bone mineralisation."

The study tracked 95 white and three Asian women, ages 20 to 40. All were healthy and had one or two children. They all ate adequate amounts of calcium.

Researchers used X-rays to test the density of the women's bones.

Two weeks after birth, there was no difference in bone density between the breast-feeding and bottlefeeding women, the study

After six months, the women still nursing had mineral loss at both sites. The loss averaged 5.1 per cent from the lumbar spine and 4.8 per cent from the femur. By one year after birth,

those women who had weaned their babies at nine months or earlier had regained normal bonc density. Women who nursed

beyond nine months, averaged bone density loss in the femur of 3.5 per cent and average loss in the spine of 2 per cent, Dr. Sowers said.

"There was improvement but it was incomplete at this point," she said.

Dr. Sowers said the study poses few concerns for most American women because of their generally good diets. and because most women stop nursing by three months.

"What we're more concerned about is what happens in teenagers who may still have to deal with the mineralisation of their own

the impact where the woman is malnourished," she said. Another public health ex-

pert said the results shouldn't affect women's decisions to

"Breast feeding is very good for babies," said Dr. Judith Fortney, director of

skeletons, and what may be scientific affairs for Family Health International in Region

search Triangle Park. N.C. "It certainly does empha-sise that breast-feeding mothers should watch their diets and take in enough cheese, milk and other sources of calcium," Dr. Fortney said.

SOLUTIONS

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. 1863.

2. San Diego.

3. Jean-Paul Sartre (Literature in 1964) Boris Pasternak (Literature in 1958) Le Duc Tho (Peace in 1973)

4. Henry Dunant and Frederic Passy.

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8. (a) West Berlin (formerly). (b) Chicago. (c) Venice.

PUZZLE

(A) Spelling errors

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I woke up extra-early that day, anticipation and jet-lag drowning all internal supplications for rest. After breakfast came the morning sbower, a brief overview of the newspaper and, finally, the twenty-minute trip to the University of Jordan.

I arrived early. It felt great to be on campus in Jordan, and I was immediately filled with a sense of pride I'm sure many. many others have shared with me. It felt wonderful looking around the campus and seeing so many people, so many students. so many of my very own countrymen, roaming around in the pursuit of knowledge and truth. With a huge smile on my face and a great feeling inside I decided to find the lecture room and perhaps wait there until class started. I strode across the campus grounds, asking people about my assigned room written on the registration form.

I finally arrived at the classroom and, to my surprise, it was empty. I waited in the classroom for a while, assuming that maybe eryone was late that day. Everyone was not, however, and it took me half an hour to be completely convinced. I was really confused, though, because the registration form had stated clearly and legibly the building and the class oumber. And I was there. Surely, I thought, if there had been a change, there would have been a notice up or some-

thing.

I left the classroom and decided to ask around about any, class changes that might have occurred the first day that I had missed. I reported to an office. There I encountered a quite flustered young lady who did not look up at me when I knocked at her door. After a second, londer knock, she gave me a swift look and then immediately resumed looking at her fingernails. I assumed, however, that her glance was a sufficient acceptance door and very gently started lec-of my existence outside her turing. Immediately, I started office, so I trodded in with my

I told her my story. She stared back coldly at me and then, with amazing indifference, responded that she knew nothing about what was talking about. After I told her my story again and stressed the fact that she was in the position, at least I had thought, to know about these things, she responded with a different answer. This time she gave me the address of a different office and thus handed me an indirect invitation to leave her room. So I left, determined to find this simple class I was signed up for.

reported to the second office.

Here. I met a teacher in the actual department I was signed up for. I told her I had signed up for Arabic this summer and that I couldn't find my classroom. She stared at me for a while and then in some mysterious way made some connections that prompted her to ask, to my astonishment, what my mother's name was. She stood up with amazing swiftness after shouting out her question and I felt so much tension building up in the room. I quickly shouted out the answer and felt like closing our meeting with a salute. After realising, however, that her question could not possibly help her aid me in my quest, she commented that I, being a member of my family, did oot need any further instruction in need any further instruction in the Arabic language. Then, she sat down again and started chas-tising me for cheaply taking clas-ses that I was surely going to do well in for the purpose of acquir-ing higher grades. The fact that I did not study at the university and that I wasn't even taking the class for credit was never even pre-sented to her. I decided that I had wasted enough time there that day and drove back home.

Determination was the impetus. that drove me back to the university the next day. After check-ing the assigned classroom yet aoother time and "seeing" the non-existent teachers, students and books again, I decided to look around in all the other classes in that building. I knocked on a couple of doors, asked the professors for some help, and finally ended up in a classroom where the teacher smiled at my registration form and quietly admitted that I was in the right

place.

Thave finally found my class, I had thought, and I cheerfully took out my new notebook, sharpened pencil and all, and opened up my mind, ready for every-thing. The professor closed the taking notes, promising myself to

The quest for higher education

finger pointing at the registration learn as much as I possibly can paper. learn this class. After I had learned, however, that this torpid, gentle man was in fact a history professor teaching a history class to history students, my inner rage climbed to heights that would have matched his own coolness and inner peace in effect. My frustration did not overcome my politeness, however, and I did not rush out of the classroom in mid-lecture, tearing the door from its hinges on my way out. I patiently waited, nonetheless, and learned a few racist jokes, which magazines to read and which ones to hurn and trample on with my feet, how to pronounce a useless Arabic word and, amazingly enough, very little history. After class was over, I reported to the professor who, with his glasses on this time. stared at my registration form again. He then informed me that I was in the wrong class with the wrong professor, taking the wrong course. I thanked him for his usefulness and headed towards... somewhere, hoping to find a simple answer for a simple

question. I asked around and was told to report to yet another office which, after a long search, I blankly trodded into. I was treated with the usual hospitality, only this time I was rudely interrupted, half-way through my extremely brief question, and was told with amazing clarity that hundreds of other students had asked her the same question. I asked whether she had thought of publicising her answer in a bulletin or something and she thought it was a great idea and ordered her secretary to do just that, Then she ordered me to report to someone else and, with a rapid wave of her hand, I was sent along with the waiter who served ber tea and who was randomly chosen as a "volunteer" to show me the location of this next.

learned being.

After making a few stops with the waiter who insisted on serving his other friendly customers, t was asked to wait in a hall for a

me. My extremely punctual guide finally appeared and I was lead in a complicated, straight line at about five yards away from the previous office. It was open, but empty. So I gave up.

Well, I almost gave up. I regained some faith in the subject when a very close friend of the family, who incidentally happened to have quite a high position in the administration at the University of Jordan, offered to help me if I reported to her office the next morning. Finally, I had thought, I had found ray of hope amidst such chaotic disorganisa-

The third day I appeared in her office and was asked about my recent adventures at the University of Jordan. She then made a few on-campus calls, could not get through to the desired people, pretended to be calling from off-campus, and finally found ner busy target. She seemed to be cooversing with an esteemed person who, after listening to all my story narrated by her, ordered me to go to his office immediately in order to settle everything and find this almost fictitious classroom. After thanking our good friend, she informed me that it is basically impossible to find anything out here on one's own amidst this coofusion and disorder and that she was glad that I had come to her for help.

I literally ran to the official's office. I found his building. I found his room. I found his secretary drinking tea at her desk. And I found her telling me he had just gone out for lunch and will not be back soon, if ever, that day. This is not the end of my story.

though. I became determined to, find that classroom if it took me all summer. It didn't take me that long, however. Only about five

I finally and miraculously found it, sat in it, and waited for a while until the teacher got everything organised. There was a lot to do before sbe started teaching her class. Primarily, she was conversing with quite a few other had found the right classroom. When she told them, however, that they were in the wrong section and that the other course section was located somewhere else on campus that is definitely unknown to her, they gravely floated out of the room, continuing their own quest for the missing classes. After about thirty-five minutes of organisation, she taught for ten minutes, broke five minutes early, and informed the class of another room change. I approached the teacher after class and asked ber about whether there were any hooks that accompanied her coursework. Not to my surprise, however, she assumed that I wanted to read the books in order to miss all of her lectures and merely read the material and take the tests. She began scolding me until I interrupted to tell her that I needed the books to read along. in addition to the class material she was to lecture on. I don't think she believed me, but she went on anyway and told me that this class had no books and that what we did with her (for ten minutes a day) was enough. I concluded by telling her that

me to take her class. On my way out of the university, I saw my friend who had helpfully and generously registered me for this class while I was away. He seemed tired and depressed. I told him my story and described to him how much and what I had learned in this wonderful, inspiring study environment for the past week. He was not the least bit surprised. When I told him, however, that I had taken my first and last class here, his eyes burst open and he

these past few days and her appa-

rent helpfulness murdered any

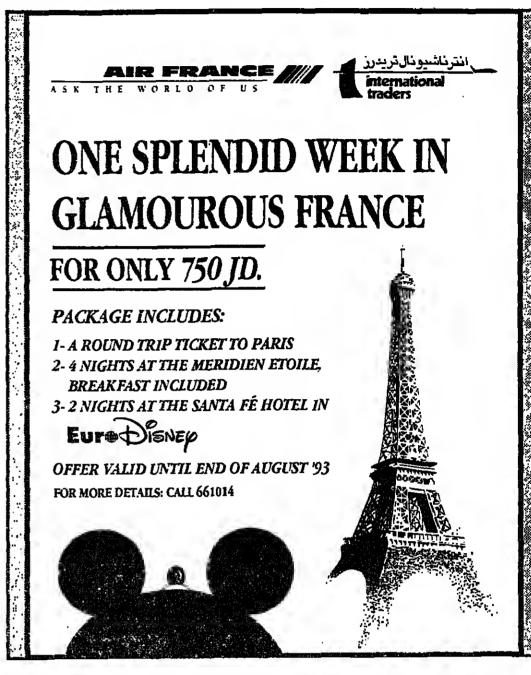
previous enthusiasm there was in

"Are you crazy? Do you know how many days it took me to register you for that class?" If one of our best institutes of higher knowledge and education lacks organisation, friendly and helpful faculty and administration staff, respect for its students and

willingness to learn and grow, how is it exactly educating? Books are not enough. A university should prepare one to

For what is work without organisation and the pursuit of knowledge without truth and respect?

and to live with integrity. It is always good to stop, take a look around, and see how things can be improved and how life can be bettered.



More stone agers in Papua New Guinea

Guinea - A nomadic Stone Age tribe believed to be untouched by the modern world bas been discovered by a government patrol in mountainous jungle northwest of

Government officers were reported to have found the nomadic liawep clan, a tribe of 79 people with its own language, roamiog in May in mountains in Sandaun Provioce, 760 kilometres northwest of the capital, Port Moresby.

A district government officer, ter Yasaro, encountered one member of the tribe while conducting a patrol, the Sydney Morning Herald reported in a

front-page story.
Mr. Yasaro told the newspaper that the Liawep man was fascin-ated with his ax and steel bushknife. The newspaper said the man was brought to the remote government station of Telefomin.

They had to reassure him about the planes; he thought it was a big bird and tried to hide in case it might attack him," a spokesman for the Papua New Guinea Department of Primary Iodustry in the provincial capital Vanimo told the newspaper.

"We bave never heard of them

before and believe they have not bad any outside contact," said Selena Malager, a Papua New Guioca National Broadcasting Commission journalist.

They are dressed in traditional clothes of tree bark and leaves. They bave their own local di-

Miss Malager said the tribe was reported to worsbip a stone that it

carried on its journeys. Already, a mission from the Baptist Church has gone out to Papua New Guinea's West Sepik Prinvce to find them, teach them about the "true" God and build them a church, a Baptist spokes-

man said from Mount Hagen. ;"Lost" tribes have surfaced in Papua New Guinea in the past but have eventually been found to have had previous contact with

the modern world. A West Sepik provincial information officer. Tobias Welly, said the tribe had been found in a heeply forested part of the Mount wa mountain range between the settlements of Oksapmin and Telefomin about 300 kilometres inland from Vanimo.

According to a local radio journalist, a government patrol first went to the area after tribesmen got lost and stumbled into Oksapmin about two years ago.

The tribesman was able at first to communicate only in sign language but has since learned the local variation of English.

Last month the man was able to escort the patrol in search of the Liaweps.

The tribe has since been introduced to such commodities as tea, salt and sugar.

"The Liawep talks about another tribe that has not been found yet living a bit further up into the mountains towards the Southern Highlands," Mr. Welly

But the director of Papua New Guinea's Medical Research Institute, Michael Alpers, said in Port Moresby that he was still sceptical about "lost" tribes. — International Herald Tribune.



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Report says soil loss could make vast lands infertile, provoke famine

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Soil loss worldwide has been accelerating, reducing the quantity of arable land and raising the likelihood of more famine in Africa, according to a United

Nations report released Tuesday. Deforestation, overgrazing and destructive farming practices could render 140 million hectares (345 million acres) of land largely infertile over the next 20 years, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said.

"Analysis of man-made land degradation," says FAO Director General Edouard Saouma, raises a fundamental question:

Are we going to have enough good land to feed the extra 2.6 billion peopale who will be on this planet by the year 2025?

Worldwide, about 25 billion tons of soil are washed away each year, draining first into the world's rivers and finally into the oceans, leaving the water ways heavily laden with sediment and lands stripped of nutrients.

Already, some 305 hectares (745 million acres) of arable land, nearly equal in size to western Europe, have been so badly damaged that they have lost much of their agricultural productivity.

Vietnam passes reformist land law

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HANOI (R) — Communist Vietnam's National Assembly passed a reformist land law Wednesday under which peasants have a long lease on the state-owned land

Land in largely-agricultural Vietnam, a major rice exporter. remains owned by the state but individual families in effect will be able to use it indefinitely - 20 years for short-term crops like rice, 50 years for plantation crops like fruit ar rubber.

These terms are renewable. meaning that families can use a

plot for generations. Plots may be passed from one generation to the next, transferand used as collateral for bank

The new law liberalised and codified land regulations, in line with market-oriented reforms under which private tenants have worked their plots since the late 1980, though some still group together in marketing coopera-

The law, one of the most important before a month-long issembly session, took five days longer than scheduled to pass, indicating heated debate on details. It was passed by 356 votes to eight, with six abstentions, assembly reporters said.

"Once destroyed, it is gone practically forever," the FAO report said. "In all, it usually takes 3,000 to 12,000 years to make land productive.

The FAO said that each year the planet is losing an area of cultivable land nearly as large as Ireland and that if the process is not halted, it would negate all gains from new lands made for farming over the next 20 years.

"Land degradation is now proceeding so rapidly that few African countries can hope to achieve sustainable agriculture in the near future, while serious food consequences could eventually be felt as well in Latin America and Asia," Mr. Saouma said.

In the past 45 years, about 11 per cent of the world's vegetated surface has suffered either moderate or serious degradation. In Africa and Asia, four per cent of the lands have been seriously degraded compared to 1.4 per cent for South America, 1.3 per cent for North America and 2.3 per cent for Europe. In Asia, the most serious probland, and Vietnam.

In Africa, the most seriously affected are Burkina Faso Ethiopia, Madagascar, Lesotho, Rwanda and Morocco. As much as 34 per cent of the land in Africa which is not already desert is now under threat of desertifica-

In Latin America, the most serious problems are in Brazil. Costa Rica, El Salvador and

Overgrazing is the most prevalent cause of soil damage, causing 35 per cent of erosion, packing down the soil and reducing its capacity to retain moisture.

Poor farming practices such as overworking the soil and repe-atedly tilling wet ground with heavy equipment has ravaged 27 per cent of the degraded lands. Deforestation is one of the

main causes of lan I degradation, and most of it is seing done in Latin America. sia and the Pacific with the most of the re-

India takes stock of reforms, pledges to move boldly ahead

entered the third year of economic reforms, taking cautious atisfaction at the progress it has made and pledging to move boldly ahead on the road to a free

"Over the past two years, we have faced and surmounted perhaps the gravest economic crisis since our independence." the finance ministry said in a stocktaking report.

"But we must also recognise that much more needs to be done," said the report, whose release coincided with a pledge of \$7.4 billion in aid by indostrial nations to back the Indian March to a liberal cconomy.

It cautioned that change would not be painless. "It will require difficult decisions and painful adjustments," but there was no

The reforms began on Joly I, 1991 with a dnuble devaluation of the rupee at a lime when India with foreign exchange reserves enough for just two weeks' im-

Inflation had soured and its credit rating had plonged, denying commercial loans and forcing it to go cap in hand to the international Monetary Fund and later mortgage its gold reserves.

"We were on the very verge of a calamitoos economic precipice," the finance ministry report recalled.

The ensuing reforms, tailored by Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, saw the government apply a tight squeeze on expenditure and imports to restore financial discipline after years of rampant

spending. Mr. Singh reversed India's

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India has quasi-socialist policies, hacking away at state controls over trade and business and bangling incentives for foreign investors who for decades had been kept out of the country's hoge market.

The rupee was floated and customs barriers gradually reduced. Overall economic growth went up to foor per cent in fiscal 1992-93 from a dismal 1.2 per cent in 1991-92, inflation came down to seven per cent and foreign exchange reserves swelled to \$7 billion.

The government declared in February the sense of crisis was over and opened its coffers, boosting welfare spending and giving away hefty tax concessions to industry after two years of painfol belt-tightening.

The finance ministry report said there was no room for complacency.

"Two years is enough to manage a crisis. It is not enough to complete the kind of structural reforms we need to put the ecoto seven per cent growth," it said. Deficits have to be controlled,

the gigantic and inefficient public sector reformed, unproductive sobsidies cot, the banking system restructored to improve its bottom line, and the state's virtoal mnnopoly over infrastructure such as electricity .. bolished. Taxes and customs tariffs, still

at prohibitive levels, have to be reduced further and "totally unviable, loss-making, public enter-prises" have to be shut down.

Such steps have so far had to wait in the face of opposition from political parties and trade unions, who have accosed the Congress (I) Party government of selling out to foreign lending agencies.

in Britain gives Major an economic boost

LONDON (R) - Britain's annual inflation rate recorded a surprise fall in June to stand at just 1.2 per cent, the lowest level for nearly three decades.

The news provides a further fillip to Prime Minister John Major, who just a day earlier hailed an extremely strong 2.0 per cent surge in industrial production in

"All the indications are that we are witnessing a recovery." Mr. Major said in a speech to a tourism conference. The recovery is in its infancy, but it is growing daily.

The ruling Conservatives have been under fire for months for running the economy badly but are hoping burgeoning signs of economic recovery will improve

their poll ratings.
The Central Statistical Office (CSO) said the fall in the main rate of inflation, to 1.2 per cent from May's 1.3 per cent, was the owest rate since February 1964

The figures mean Britain's headline inflation rate has now been below the European Community average for nearly two

"These figures are onambiguously good and lend further support to the view of a noninflationary recovery," said Stephen Dulake, economist at brokers Painewebber International.

The core onderlying inflation rate, which cuts oot swings in the cost of home loans, remained onchanged at 2.8 per cent.

Economists said the figures showed inflation was subdued and Britain might actually be able to achieve its ambition of sustainable long-term economic growth.

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Be

sure to listen to the fine ideas of a hlunt but generous friend who his your best interest at heart. Expan-

sion is important right now so be

sure to analyse your progress and

ARIES: March 2t to April 19) Put

aside those bills and practical mat-

ters for the moment and look into

ways to advance in more mental

ways that can expand your know

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Don't let a scheming associate get

under your skin but maintain your

poise and later you can uncover

ways to carry through promises

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 2t)

Duties seem unending and you need steadfastness to handle them

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MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 Hu

July 21) You want to push having a

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY JULY 15, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

Low inflation | German cabinet approves draft budget for next year

that calls for sharp cuts in social spending but — according to Finance Minister Theo Waigel — savings of 21 billion marks (\$12.2) points to lower taxes.

Mr. Waigel hailed acceptance by the cabinet of his proposed spending plan, saying it will boost market confidence" and create "the necessary conditions" for further interest rate cuts.

He noted that the Bundesbank, the German central bank, had already signalled its favourable opinion of the draft budget by reducing its two leading rates on

Economists in Frankurt said it is unlikely that the Bundesbank central council will announce further cuts when it meets this

cabinet Tuesday adopted a con- out such action when the council troversial draft budget for 1994 holds its last session before the

billion), of which 16 billion marks would come from cuts in welfare spending.

Total spending next year would come to 478.4 billion marks (\$278 billion], an increase of 4.4 per cent over 1993, leaving a budget deficit of 67.5 billion marks 1\$39 billion) - practically unchanged from the 67.6 billion mark shortfall foreseen in 1993.

jected growth next year of 1.5 per cent in gross domestic product. Mr. Waigel again said he believed the slide in the German economy had been checked,

tightened, scholarship levels will The budget is based on proin 1994.

be frozen and civil servants will be asked to accept a salary freeze The public service union Tues-

bert Bluem warned Tuesday that

unemployment would continue to

of 3.2 million.

jects and training.

grow in Germany to reach 3.7 million, against the current figura-

Under the proposed budget.

which the government hopes to

see approved by parliament be-

fore the end of year, there will be

less money for unemployment

compensation, public works pro-

ceiving public welfare will be

In addition, conditions for re-

day described the proposed budget cuts as as sign of "political bankruptcy.

World Bank tells Kenya it wants banking reform

Bank told Kenya Tuesday to carry out promised banking reforms if it wants second tranche of vital

World hank vice-president for Africa Edward Jaycox, in a telephone interview with African reporters, said the bank wanted Kenya to fulfil promises it made before suspended aid by the bank was resumed earlier this year.

"In particular we refer to the cleaning up of excess liquidity and the reduction of excessive credit to the banking sector," Mr. Jaycox said.

He said be had informed Kenyan Finance Minister Musalia Mudavadi that the second tranche, worth \$85 million and earmarked for education, would not be released until Kenya moved to contain runaway money-supply and imposed monetary discipline.

had best be left unanswered until a more propitious day while tonight is no time to have guests at home.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Think about financial activities

hut don't take any action on them during this day while tonight you

can find a usually optimistic com-

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) You have a teeling you won't be thwarted in gaining aims

hur you could make some harsh

upponents if you force your wilt,

ionight don't take risks with

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 21) You have behind

the scenes troubles to rise above

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ditin comes into the open testing

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) Consider well that

and avoid uneven dispositioned

ones, tonight you have a sudden worry that requires much thought.

AQUARIUS: (January 2t to Febru-

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PISCES: (Fehruary 20 to March

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evening you find outside interests

do not develop as you hoped.

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success will not be yours today

persons you see during the daytime

your patience, good will.

moncy.

The bank has demanded an end to abuse of banking principles by some local banks and corroption in government, especially at the treasury and central

The World Bank ended an 8-month freeze of aid to Kenya April when it resumed the

quick-disbursing aid which was suspended in 1991 to press for political and economic reforms.

Western nations, which also halted their \$40 million monthly balance of payments support at the time, have refused to reihstate their aid until there is progress on the reforms.



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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can make your future more profitplanning your time. Adopt more efficient methods but he sure to get out socially in the evening and make more good husiness contacts.

ARIES: March 21 to April 19) You find that new ideas and inspirations of all kinds are likely to be attracted to you so be openmin and in the mood to pursue them TAURUS: (April 31 tu May 201)

You suddenly realise what you can du 10 make your attehment happier so don't delay hut put into action that actual effort required t do so. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21] You now find that a modern minded associate has the answers you desire so that a project you have in alliance with others can be made a greater success.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 211 Concentrate on work activities today for you will find that the hours ily and that you have inventive ideas for new ways to progress at tasks.

LEO: (July 22 August 21) Your talent, whatever it is can be made much more satisfactory by adding some current means by which it is more acceptable to persons using

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Consider well matters be-

neacth your own roof and don't be upset if someone there wants to do something unusual hur its better iden then you at first think.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 221 You are a horn peacemaker and like t cooperate but today your benefits come by being more direct and straightforward and putting ideas into motion.

SCORPIO: (Octuber 23 to November 21) A flash of ways to expand your assets comes to you and it is a good thing for you to go after the benefits that can accrue from your SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 211 Your prophetic insight is usually very accurate hut never more so than today so listen to your intuitive perceptions and follow them to the letter, spirit. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You need to get off alone or with an advisor of much vision to expand your sights in-stead of being so interested in the ntundane, practical.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Good friends can unexpectedly get in louch with you or you with them and a very signifi-cant day of accomplishment can take place until sundown.

PISCES: (February 20 be March 2011 Take time out today to go along with progressive ideas where whitever your interests in the outside world happen to be and you can impress higwigs.

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Gulf official urges retaliatory tax on oil exports to West

official, branding proposed Western energy taxes as a hostile act, has urged oil producers to impose taxes on wellhead production to offset an expected decline in re-

Oil sources said the call by Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Saqr Al Oassimi, director of the economie department at the United Arab Emirates (UAE) oil ministry, effectively meant that producers sell their oil at higher prices.

"This tax is a hostile war targetting our economies and future under the pretext of protect-ing the environment." Sheikh Mohammad told the UAE semiofficial daily Al Ittihad in an interview Wednesday.

"Producers should deal with it on a reciprocal basis. They should impose taxes on wellhead production before exporting oil and this will benefit the producing countries before the consuming countries," he was quoted as saying. It is the first call by a Gulf

in reprisal for the proposed European Community (EC) carbon tax of \$3 per barrel, to rise gradually to \$10 by the year 2000. The EC has defended the tax as an environmental measure intended to contain the emission of carbon dioxide but Gulf states

official for taxing oil production

and other oil producers have aecused the 12-nation group of seeking to tackle budget deficits. According to Gulf estimates, EC earned nearly \$210 billion in 1991 from about \$70 in taxes on oil consumption of 10.3 million

ABU DHABI (AFP) - A Gulf barrels per day (b/d). In contrast oil revenues of producing states have steadily declined over the past decade due to a sharp drop

> Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states alone saw their earnings plunge to around \$75 billion in 1992 from more than \$180 billion in 1981 when prices exceeded \$30 compared with around \$17 currently.

> Sheikh Qassimi did not elaborate on his proposal as the oil industry in most Gulf nations is controlled by the government. But UAE oil sources said he implied a decision by producers to raise oil prices.

> > "Governments cannot tax

themselves. But I understand from Qassimi's comments that he is urging producers to offset their expected loss by selling crude at higher prices regardless of market factors," one source said.

But he said it was "impractical because you cannot guarantee all producers will stick to such a decision. Some of them might take advantage and give discounts to sell more oil."

Energy officials from the EC and GCC states — Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahraini, Oman, Kuwait and the UAE - are due to hold more talks on the carbon tax in Brussels Friday after an inclusive meeting in May.

According to Sheikh Al Qassimi, proposed Western energy taxes could force Gulf states to cut investment in boosting their oil capacity and to focus instead on gas and other industries.

EC investment programme makes its debut in Jordan

the availability of a good local

He sees it as "one of the most

important points of entry for the

Middle East," an area which offers a market of 150 million

people within a radius of 500

Mr. Marwan Al Shawa of

NDO believes the new venture is

also well suited to using the tech-

nical skills brought to Jordan by

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ceive ECIP support to move out

of Italy and into a wider arena.

They also see the development of

relationships between small and

medium-sized European enter-

prises and those in Jordan as a

key to the latters industrial de-

Big projects improve the quali-

ry of life, says Mr. Giola, but real

economic and industrial develop-

ment needs the flexibility and

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partner.

Community Investment Partners ing of capital requirements, and (ECIP) programme has begun its training and management expertise. Its involvement in the new first venture in Jordan. It is to provide 50 per cent funding for a project is now limited to the joint feasibility study for a joint venfinancing of the feasability study ture between Coriza Grandi Imbut it could become a shareholder pianti of Italy and the local in the venture at a later stage. National Development Organisa-Mr. Giolai says Coriza chose tion (NDO) to manufacture light Jordan as the location for the new mechanical tools in Jordan for the project because of its stability, local market and for export to the inexpensive skilled labour and region.

Coriza is one of only three companies in Europe manufacturing the tools and its prefeasibility study shows that there are no producers in the region.
ECIP will provide around ECU
57,000 for the study, which will
be carried out by Ghosheh and
Company and coordinated by Italian consultant Alessandro Giolai.

The \$2-3 million project will involve an important transfer of technology to Jordan under a three stage programme. It will begin with simple assembly of elementary parts for the tools, then move of local production of metallic parts and finally the production and assembly of all parts in Jordan.

ECIP is a financial facility which promotes joint ventures between European private companies and those in Mediterranean, Asian and Latin American countries.

energy of SME's which can help It offers financial support in a number of areas including identi-fication of potential projects and to produce a new enterpreneurial class in Jordan. — European partners, operations prior to Community Newsletter

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French Franc	7.68	7.25	6.75	6.12
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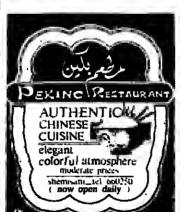
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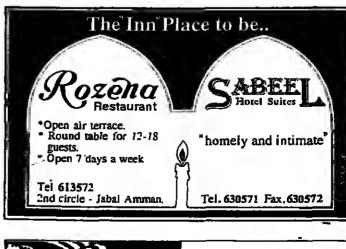




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Fighting rages in Mostar; water restored to parts of Sarajevo

fighting between Muslims and Croats raged in the southern Bosnian town of Mostar Wednesday as water, cut off for weeks, was restored to parts of Sarajevo.

Meanwhile, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata arrived in the Bosnian capital Wednesday and was to visit a hospital and refugee centre before leaving the city in the late afternoon.

There were conflicting reports on the fighing in Mostar with the Croats saying they had gained territory and the Muslims de-

nying it. Mostar, considered the capital of the self-declared Croat Republic of Herceg-Bosna, has been the scene of ruthless battles between the two former allies for several

Veso Vegar, the spokesman for the Croat Defence Force or HVO in Mostar, said Muslim troops who launched an offensive Tuesday on the strategic region of Dubrava "are surrounded and on the brink of defeat."

Dubrava, 300 metres above sea level, overlooks the Neretva Valley between Mostar and Capljina, through which passes the main highway leading to the Adriatic

Mr. Vegar said Tuesday's fight-ing left nine Croat soldiers dead and 20 others injured. He added that HVO troops, at a site cap-tured from the Muslims, had counted the bodies of 85 Muslim

Bosnian radio, meanwhile, was reporting that Muslim troops had

Abkhazian

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ultimatum

MOSCOW (AFP) - Leaders of

breakaway Abkhazia Wednesday

dismissed as "bluff" an ultima-

tum from Georgia to withdraw

rebel troops from villages sur-rounding Sukhumi, setting the

stage for a Georgian offensive

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ated the villages of Akalsheny

and Shroma from the Georgian

occupation and have no intention

of handing them back to the aggressors," deputy speaker Sok-

rat Djindjoliya was quoted as saying by ITAR-TASS.

Georgi Karkarashvili has given

the pro-independence fighters until midnight Wednesday to pull

out of the two villages near

Sukhumi, or face a large-scale

drive against Gudauta, seat of the

Abkhazian leaders moved their

legislature from Sukhumi north

to Gudauta when government

troops stormed the main city last

August, one mouth after lawmak-

ers declared "sovereignty" from

Abkhazian Defence Minister

Sultan Sosnaliev dismissed the

ultimatum as "just another bluff

adding that it was not the first

time that Tbilisi had threatened

to engage in a massive attack.

to step up its efforts to end the

11-month war in the Black Sea

region, stating that it was pre-

pared to send a peacekeeping

force in Abkhazia, once a cease-

In a speech to delegates attend-

ing a conference on the Caucasus

in the south Russian city of Sochi.

Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev

layed out a peace plan for Abkha-

zia that would provide for a buf-

fer zone between warring Abkha-

zians and Georgians, Interfax re-

The troops would be deployed

along the buffer zone, whose

location he did not specify, and

would have the right to use force

in response to an attack by any

side, the foreign minister said.

"Russia issues a formal warn-

ing that a great responsibility will

fall on any side that attempts to

fuel the conflict," Mr Kozyrev

was quoted by the news agency as

He added that Russia was pre-

pared to mediate talks aimed at

reaching a settlement for Abkha-

zia immediately following the

ceasefire and the deployment of

Abkhazian leaders have re-

fused to sign a ceasefire agree-

ment unless their separatist par-

liament is allowed to return to

Abkhazian units continued to

pound Sukhumi overnight and

attempted to push forward their

advance on the main city, the

press centre of Georgian military

headquarters said, quoted by In-

the buffer troops.

saying.

Meanwhile, Russia continued

Interfax reported.

fire is reached.

from the Georgian leadership"

separatist parliament.

Georgia.

Georgian Defence Minister

"Abkbazian forces have liber-

snub

region and had opened a corridor to Stolac, located southeast of

in other developments Wednesday, Commander Nicolas Studer, the head engineer of the U.N. Protection Force (UNPRO-FOR) in Sarajevo, said water was restored to parts of the city overnight, but electricity was still out except in outlying districts under Serb control.

The return of water in western parts of the Bosnian capital was immediately apparent Wednesday morning as thousands of plastic jugs used daily by city residents to transport water by any means possible suddenly dis-

appeared.
The city has been without electricity or water since June 21 due to heavy fighting that damaged electricity lines and water pumping stations and hampered repair

On Monday Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic signed an agreement covering repairs to water, gas and electricity supplies in the war-torn capital.

The accord "guarantees the safety of the UNPROFOR whilst they are on repair missions." Commander Studer said the initial phase of repairs requires transferring electricity from the Kakanj power plant, located in a Muslim-held region 50 kilometres

from Sarajevo, to the Blazuj power plant which supplies Serbheld areas west of Sarajevo. In exchange, said Commander Studer, the Serbs have agreed to

made a significant advance in the reactivate a water pumping station that previously supplied 80 per cent of Sarajevo and to restore gas to the city. He said reactivation of the water pumping station Tuesday evening brought relief to 20 to 30 per cent of Sarajevo's residents

But he added that although the Muslim side has lived up to its part of the deal, the Serbs have only fulfilled half of their promises claiming that they are ex-periencing technical problems in

restoring gas. Commander Studer said he will ask the Bosnian presidency to cut off electricity supplies from the Kakanj plant if the Serbs don't fulfill their part of the agreement.

The second phase of repairs, still under discussion, will entail restoring electricity to all of Sarajevo and repairing power lines coming from Serbia proper, which would enable the Serbs to resume production at a weapons factory making mortar and artil-

He said he expects the weapons factory to be the major stumbling block in getting the Muslims and Serbs to agree on the second phase of repairs.

Also Wednesday, UNPRO-FOR spokesman Barry Frewer said his agency had received reports that 2,000 soldiers from the mainly Muslim Bosnian army have been taken prisoner in the

southern town of Maglaj. He said U.N. troops have been unable to visit that region where Muslim forces bave been battling with Croat and Serb troops for

Maj. Frewer also warned of a possible outbreak of tuberculosis in the nearby town of Zepce. also off limits to the U.N.

The United States Tuesday sent 12 A-10 ground attack planes to an air base in northern Italy for possible protection of U.N. safe havens for beleaguered Muslim in Bosnia and the French and British were also to send aircraft, defence officials said.

The U.S. Air Force planes. designed to destroy tanks and artillery with rocket and cannon fire, were moved from Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany lo

Aviano Air Base in Italy.
U.S. Navy Captain Michael
Doubleday, a Defence Department spokesman, stressed that no final plan had been reached by NATO and the United Nations on protection of U.N. troops who might be sent to the former Yugoslavia to guarantee the designated safe zones for Muslims. Meanwhile, a United Nations

official warned Tuesday that the U.N. may have to withdraw from Bosnia if fighting, attacks on peacekeepers and humanitarian problems continue.

U.N. envoy Thorvald Stoltenberg of Norway issued the warning to shock the world into doing more to help ease the crisis in advance of peace talks scheduled in Geneva next week.

The truth is that people are killed, we don't get through with the humanitarian convoys, and we don't get enough funds and resources to implement our mandate." Mr. Stoltenberg complained to reporters.



General view of the southern tip of Aoine on the Okushiri Island after a major earthquake destroyed 340 homes tAFP photo)

Japan quake death toll tops 100; scores are still missing

TOKYO (R) — The death toll following the strongest earth-quake to hit Japan in 25 years topped the 100 mark Wednesday and scores more victims had still to be found, alive or dead.

At least 100 bodies had been recovered, police said, adding that 151 were injured and 93 still missing after Monday night's fierce tremor off Japan's northern coast that unleashed destructive tidal waves and fires.

NHK Television said the known death toll had reached

The earthquake, measuring 7.8 on the Richter Scale, was centred beneath the seabed off the main northern island of Hokkaido, but its effects onshore were devastat-

police spokesman in the Hokkaido capital of Sapporo said 300 bouses had been burned down and 284 had collapsed. Floods from tidal waves had swamped 199 homes.

Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, describing the earth- change their clothes. These peo-

quake aftermath as heartrending, Wednesday visited Okushiri, the small island of .000 people that was hardest hit.

he went to the town of Aoine. shattered by tidal waves and then by fire which destroyed more than half the community's Recalling the horrors of the

Monday night events, residents said the tidal waves, some high enough to reach power lines on top of pylons, followed the tremors almost immediately.

Authorities had no chance to sound the alarm about the tidal waves, which are called "tsunami" in Japanese and are a familiar feature in this quake-prone

"It was one minute that made all the difference whether you lived or died," said a 64-year-old

"After the earthquake some people went back home because their child was missing or to

Corruption, changing priorities

ple never returned." Experts at Japan's Meteorological Agency said the short inter-val between the tremor, and the waves hitting Okushiri indicated that the earthquake erupted

almost under the island. "The tsunami most probably was almost upon the island when people realised that an earthquake had struck," one experi

Other experts gave warning that another tremor almost as big as Monday's could strike the same area.

They calculated that Monday's tremor bad similar characteristics to a quake which hit struck Hok-

kaido 10 years ago — and was followed by another big jolt.

Monday's quake killed more than 60 people on Okushiri alone. 16 of them in the twostorey big ocean hotel obliterated by a landslide.

Nine people were found alive in what remained of the botel and rescuers were searching Wednesday for 10 still missing at the site.

'don't ask don't tell' policy on gays

Aspin to back

NEW YORK (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Les Aspin will recommend a "don't ask, don't tell" compromise to President Bill Clinton on the issue on whether homosexuals should serve in the military, the New York Times reported Wedness day. It quoted gay rights advocates who said they had been briefed by senior Pentagon officials. The officials had said the move was an effort to meet the concerns of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and others opposed to less restrictive compromises, the newspaper reported. The "don't ask, don't tell" policy means that gays will be able to serve in the military provided that they avoid public or private declarations of their sexual orientation. Mr. Clinton, who tonk office proposing to end a ban on homosexuals in the military, could come up with another plan, the newspaper said. Thomas Sheridan and Chai Feldblum of the Campaign For Military Service said two senior officials bad told them military policy would be rewritten to say that "homosexual conduct" not "homosexuality." was incompati-ble with military service. "They told us, 'it's this position or the president can decide for himself if be wants to go down in flames, the newspaper quoted Mr. Sheridan as saying. The Campaign For Military Service is a coalition of gay-rights organisations.

Japanese want to copy Gazza mask

ROME (AFP) — Japanese doctors have decided that the mask used to get Paul Gascoigne back into soccer is a technological wonder they want to copy. Lazio's team doctor Tuesday recevied a plea for help from his counterpart at Grampus Eight who faces a similar injury problem, the club said. Gascoigne suffered a depressed cheekbone after being elbowed in the face during England's World Cup game against Holland. But he was able to make a speedy return to soccer with the carbon-fibre Phantom of the Opera style mask that protected his cheek. Grampus Eight's Tetsuya Asano has ... suffered a Gazza-style injury and his team want to know how Gascoigne's was made so they can get Ashano back on the field, according to the plea sent to Lazio.

Arachaeologists discover ancient cloth fragment -

CHICAGO (AP) — A cloth frag-ment dating to 7000 B.C. was found at an archaeological site in southeastern Turkey, scholars said. It is at least 500 years older than any cloth ever found before "This is a fascinating discovery because it pushes back the date at which we know textiles were pro-duced," said Gillian Vogelsang-Eastwood, director of the Stitching Textile Research Centre at the National Museum of Ethnology at Leiden in the Netherlands, and one of the scholars studying the cloth. The semi-fossilised cloth -- still clinging to what was probably the handle of a tool was recovered from Cayonu, a site near the upper Tigris River about 30 miles (50 kilometres) from the city of Diyarbakir. The site has been the scene of joint explorations by the University of Chicago and Istanbul University for 30 years. The two universities planned to announce their find Tuesday. No cloth made earlier than about 6500-6000 B.C. previously had been discovered, although some minute clay impressions of textiles about the same age as the Cayonu cloth had been found. The fragment is believed to be linen and measures 7.6 centimetres by 3.8 centimetres. It was clinging to a tool handle believed to be a portion of

'Flying bishops' to allay fears over women priests

an antler.

LONDON (AFP) - Church of England leaders pledged Tuesday to form a squad of "flying bishops" to counter fears of a damaging schism over the emotive issue of the ordination of women. The church's General Synod meeting in the northern city of York voted by a large majority to give opponents of Anglican women priests the option of receiving spiritual guidance from a like-minded "flying bisbop" while remaining under the authority of their own diocese. Supporters of women priests living in a traditionalist diocese would be able to call on the same service, the synod said. "I believe it will provide a way for us to be together, to work together and to know we belong together while at the same time... respect the differences between us." Archbishop of York John Habgood said. Since the synod in November ruled in favour of the ordination of women hundreds of worshippers and several priests have left the Anglican Church in

NEWS IN BRIEF

Spanish king inaugurates parliament

MADRID (AP) - King Juan Carlos Wednesday inaugurated Spain's fifth parliament since the country returned to democratic constitutional rule in 1979, four years after the death of longtime dictator Francisco Franco. Earlier in the day, King Juan Carlos swore in Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's cabinet, which includes eight new ministers, three of them women. Mr. Gonzalez's Socialists won 159 of the 350 seats in the lower chamber of parliament in the June 6 general elections. For the first time since coming to power in 1982, the Socialists do not have a working majority in parliament. The Catalan Convergence and Union Coalition and the Basque Nationalist Party turned down offers to be the Socialists' junior partners in a ruling coaltion, and Mr. Gonzalez will now have to cobble together issue-by-issue alliances to pass legislation. Since naming his new cabinet, Mr. Gonzalez has said his primary goal is to reach a social pact with labour and business to better confront Spain's serious economic

U.S., N. Korea resume nuclear talks

GENEVA (AFP) - The United States launched a new bid Wednesday to persuade North Korea to accept inspection of its nuclear sites, but the effort was clouded by an earlier war of words between the countries. The two sides resumed negotiations on means of checking fears that Pyongyang was intent on developing nuclear weapons, following a previous series of discussions last month in New York. But neither gave any sign of chances for progress in the talks, which were originally scheduled to last two days, a U.S. spokesman said only that "if progress is made there will be a second round of talks Friday." The discussions follow a warning by U.S. President Bill Clinton during a weekend visit to the Korean peninsula that "it would be the end of their country" by Pyongyang developed and used nuclear arms. The Korean Central News Agency responded Monday with its own warning that "if anyone dares to provoke us we will immediately show him in practice what our bold decision is." But the North Korean delegation, led by First Vice Foreign Minister Kang Sok Ju. said on arrival here Monday that progress in resolving the row was possible if both sides maintained a "serious and sincere

Buthelezi urges referendum on constitution

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Zulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi called Wednesday for a national referendum on constitutional proposals for the "new South Africa." The people should decide whether a draft constitution hammered out by multi-party negotiations was acceptable, the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) leader told a Johannbesurg business meeting. The Zulu-based IFP walked out of the talks two weeks ago after 19 of the 26 parties taking part ratified next April 27 as the date for South Africa's first universal-suffrage elections. Mr. Buthelezi told the Johannesburg meeting that in order to prevent a total breakdown in the talks, the IFP would wait until the draft constitution was presented "before deciding on the sincerity of the African National Congress (ANC) and its new-found ally, the (ruling) National Party (NP). By accepting this route we want to see whether the ANC and the NP are sincere in their claims of providing constitutional guarantees for the self-determination aspirations of South Africans," Mr. Buthelezi said.

2 regions strike blow against Yeltsin

MOSCOW (R) - President Boris Yeltsin suffered a setback Wednesday when two more Russian regions, one in the west and one in Siberia, attacked his draft constitution. ITAR-TASS News Agency quoted Yuri Semyonov, chairman of the Kaliningrad Regional Council (local parliament) as saying his western enclave could follow several other Russian regions and upgrade itself to republican status. Valery Mukha, head of the Novosibirsk Regional Administration in Siberia, was quoted by TASS as saying it was "senseless" for the Constitutional Assembly to carry on. The assembly is due to meet again in August after local parliaments in Russia's 88 members of the federation consider the constitutional draft. Mr. Yeltsin's assembly Monday approved a new draft law granting the regions, some of which are bigger and have more population than the republics, the same economic rights as the latter.

Army asked to defend Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Just two days from the opposition's planned "long march" on Islamabad, embattled Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is seeking assurances from the army that it will act to halt the demonstration. A government spokesman said Mr. Sharif wanted the army to make a commitment to stop the opposition's plan to lay siege to the capital Friday with some 500,000 marchers in a bid to force the prime minister's ouster. A meeting was in progress between senior army and Interior Ministry officials to adopt the same strategy used in November to bloc the city's entry points during a previous opposition march, a government spokesman said. The planned march comes amid a deepening power struggle between Mr. Sbarif and President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, prompted earlier this year by Mr. Sharif's attempt to reduce the president's powers.

At least 120 killed in Tajikistan

Tajik government troops sup-ported by Russian units Wednesday said that they had stopped the advance by the guerrillas who attacked in the early hours Tuesday. Tajik Foreign Minister

Moskovsky borderguard post, southeast of the capital of Dushanbe, by 200 Tajik rebels who managed to make headway 13 kilometres inside Tajik terri-

hiding in the surrounding moun-

Several thousand Tajik rebels,

border battle

MOSCOW (AFP) - At least 100 civilians and 20 Russian border guards were killed in an attack launched Tuesday by Tajik re-bels, backed by Afghan Mujahe-deens across the Tajik-Afghan border from Afghanistan, news agencies reported Wednesday.

Rashid Alimov was qhoted by ITAR-TASS as saying.
The raid was launched on the

Mr. Alimov, quoted by the news agency, said that part of the rebel forces were wiped out in the fighting, others had fled back to Afghanistan while others were in

members of the Islamic Renaissance Party, fled the country during a bloody crackdown in January by pro-Communist leader Imomali Rakhmanov who came to power in Dushanbe in December.

give new tilt to Japanese elections TOKYO (Agencies) — Public political machine, the latest being Mivazawa, was widely seen as Outrage at a corrupt ruling class and the end of the cold war could provoke the most substantial shake-up of Japan's political structure for 38 is Japanese

Јарапеѕе ong been motivated by one lear of com-munism and the growing strength of the Japanese economy, giving the ruling Liberal ocrat Party a 38 year uninterrupted hold

Sunday.

voters head

on power. They never saw the opposition Socialist Party as a viable alternative, and seemed satisfied with the traditional balance of power which made politicians intermediaries between bureaucrats and the business community.

But in recent years a string of scandals implicating dozens of high-ranking politicians has seriously affected the Japanese

person and an image of France

Palace.

míssion in Bosnia.

the arrest this spring of former LDP Vice-President Shin Kanemaru for tax fraud.

Mr. Kanemaru, who was accused of failing to declare wealth of more than \$15 million, is also suspected of having pocketed political contributions from construction companies worth some two billion yen (\$20 million).

Japanese public opinion was outraged at the extent to which Mr. Kanemaru had amassed wealth during the course of his political career.

Hundreds of kilogrammes (pounds) of gold and millions of dollars in bearer bonds were found stashed at the home of the LDP "kingmaker" who was behind the nomination of a number of Japanese prime ministers.

The present premier, Kiichi

wanting to get the elections over before the start of Mr. Kanemar-u's trial scheduled for July 22. The slump in the fortunes of

Japan's long-ruling LDP may have halted just days before Sunday's general election, according a, fresh batch of polls out Wednesday.

A survey by the newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun showed the scandal-hit LDP, though still looking certain to lose its overall majority in the 511-seat lower house, could win more than the 227 it had when a group of pro-reformers defected in June.

Another daily, the left-leaning Asahi Shimbun, said the LDp could probably retain about 222 seats, while Mainichi Shimbun said LDP strength would top 220.

Morillon gets hero's welcome on Bastille Day

PARIS (AP) — Sporting his U.N. peacekeeper's blue beret, Gen. Philippe Moritlon received a hero's welcome Wednesday in the annual Bastille Day military parade on the Champs-Elysees. Thousands of people huddled under a driving rain to glimpse the parade and Gen. Morillon, a symbol of national pride and world hero for his defiance of the

Serbs in war-torn Bosnia-Herze-The parade, held to celebrate the fall of the Bastille Prison that sparked the French Revolution in 1789, was dedicated this year to French troops serving as peacekeepers with the United

Army Corps with Germany. President François Mitterrand saluted the 14,000 French soldiers serving under the United Nations flag in Somalia, Cambodia, Lebanon and especially ex-Yugoslavia, where several have been killed.

Nations, and to France's Joint

"Under the colours of the United Nations, our soldiers each day bear witness to France's engagement." Mr. Mitterrand said in a message read Tuesday to the

Gen. Morillon, 57, left Bosnia last week after 16 months with U.N. peacekeepers in ex-Yugoslavia. His stubborn refusal in March to let the Serbs capture the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica won him the nickname "General

President Francois Mitterrand embraced Gen. Morillon in a ceremony at the Elysees Palace before the parade and promoted him from commander to Grand Officer in the Legion of Honour, France's highest award. The homage "concerns your

status might disrupt the com-mand, while the general himself preferred to put the experience he gained in Bosnia to work for

given him a fifth star.

of Bosnia, though the general

said he was ready to leave. He

The high command turned

down a proposal - not to Gen.

Morillon's liking, either - to

give him command of the Metz

military region which would have

finally returned Saturday.



French President Francois Mitterrand (left) congratulates Gen. Philippe Morilion Wednesday, after investing him with the decoration of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour (AFP photo)

Some 6,000 soldiers paraded down the Champs-Elysees during the parade, led off by Mr. Mitterrand in a jeep escorted by the mounted Republican Guard, sa-

bers and brass helmets gleaming. Gen. Morillon's superiors apparently feared his celebrity The loudest cheers from a crowd that included many tourists were reserved for the Foreign Legion, heavily represented in the peacekeeping contingents.
The Legion's band performed a

selection of its marches, some dating back to the 1870s, for Mr. Mitterrand.

The troops paraded two kilometres from the Arc De Triomphe to the Place De La Concorde. They included infantry and armoured units, military cadets, sailors, motorcycle police and Paris firefighters. Air force jets lay down blue, white and red

Algeria face World Cup defeat

Algeria, humiliated by Nigeria two weeks' ago, visit Ivory Coast Sunday, where another defeat will end their challenge for a place at the 1994 World Cup finals.

After eliminating highly-rated Ghana in the first qualifying phase, little has gone right for the Algerians, who were finalists twice during the past decade. They had to come from behind

to salvage a 1-1 home draw with the Ivory Coast, and crashed 4-1 in Lagos despite the boost of a fifth-minute goal from leading scorer Abdul Hafid Tasfaout. Form favours the Ivorians, who lead Group A with three points

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after defeating the powerful Nigerians 2-1 in Abidjan through late goals by Abdoulaye Traore and Ahmad Ouattara. But Algeria, whose 1982 victory over West Germany ranks among the greatest World Cup

upsets, have tradition on their side, not having lost to the 'Elephants" in three previous meetings. Cameroon were the heroes of time in a five-goal quemerfinal thriller in Naples three years'

The first African nation to reach the last eight are not even sure of qualifying for the United States though, after losing 1-0 in Zimbabwe, and they will be underdogs in Guinea Sunday.

Guinea lead the Group C standings because they have scored more goals than the In- crash off Gabon. domitable Lions, trouncing Zimbabwe 3-0 at home after falling 3-I in Cameroon.

the second round, the Guineans have been a revelation at their compact ground, where they slammed four gools past Kenya in the first phase. French-based Abouhacar Titi

Camara scored twice against the Harambee Stars, and his early goal triggeredd the downfall of Zimbabwe, whose victims included 1990 finalists Egypt. Although unlucky 1-0 losers in

Casablanca, where Mohammad Chaouch struck just six minutes

the last World Cup finals, bowing out after taking England to extra will not relish hosting Morocco Saturday in Group B.

cans have triumphed twice.

Senegal have not been in action since Casablanca — their home fixture against Zambia in May being postponed after most of the visitors' squad perished in an air

Moroeeo, who along with Algeria, Cameroon and Egypt have represented Africa twice at Given little chance of making the World Cup finals, were beaten 2-1 in Lusaka by a side playing together for the first time. Zambia succeeded after continuously attacking their ultracautious opponents, and talented strikers like Souleymane Same

> galese celebrations. The winners of the three

Formula One faces crisis at Paris talks nics as they regard the sport as

PARIS (R) — The 1993 Formula One world championship could be plunged into chaos Thursday if the sport's leaders ban hightechnology driver aids and punish

teams for using irregular fuels. Constructors' Championship leaders Williams have threatened to withdraw from the German and Hungarian Grands Prix if their active-suspension system is

They could also face a points *deduction, possibly losing the 10 points won by their leading driver Alain Prost at the Spanish Grand Prix, if the ELF fuel they used for that race is found to contravene International Motor Sports Federation (FISA) regulations.

Williams Technical Director Patrick Head said at last weekend's British Grand Prix at Silverstone: "If active is banned forthwith, we will naturally appeal. If that is turned down, Williams-Renault will not take part in the German Grand Prix. Nor at the Hungarian three

Head said it would be impossible for Williams to convert their standard-setting FW15c cars,: equipped with active suspension and a host of other technological aids such as traction control.

ened his vice-like grip on the Tour de France here Wednesday,

as the Spaniard scattered his riv-

Top Swiss rider Tony Romin-

ger won the first mountain stage

of the Tour, but it was Indurain

who emerged the real winner of

After his time-trial triumph at

WITH OMAR SHARIF

Q.1-As South, vulnerable, you

♦Q753 ♥KQJ4 •A8 ♦A83 Partner opens the bidding with one

diamond. What do you respond?

A.—With a balanced 16 points.

there is a tendency to jump to 3 NT.

However, such action should be taken only with an absolutely flat

hand. Here, the doubleton diamond means that, if a 4-4 major-suit fil can be located, the trick-taking

powers of this hand are considera-

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you bold:

±65 ♥K107 ♦7 **±**AK86532

In first seat, what is your opening

A.—With 2 1/2 quick tricks, this hand is too good for any pre-emp-tive action. Our choice would be to

open one club, planning to rehid clubs as often as necessary thereafter to describe the distributional nature of the hand. This is not the

sort of hand which warrants pass-

ing now and backing in later—the auction might be too high and the quality of the suit lacks something.

Q.3-As South, volnerable, you

443 ♥KQ10952 ♦Q762 +6

Your left-hand opponent opens the bidding with one club. What action

do you take?

A.—If you play weak jump overcalls, this hand is perfect, though
minimum at this vulnerability, for a

leap to two hearts. If not, we would overcall one heart despite the fact

that the intervention might cause

partner to take some unhappy ac-

and await partner's reaction.

the Bastille Day 10th stage.

Anti-lock braking systems and semi-automatie gearboxes, to conventional "passive" suspension, using springs, in a short

'We don't have anywhere to mount conventional springs on our FW15C chassis. It's as simple as that," Head said, "We would need time to manufacture new chassis."

The extraordinary meeting of the FISA World Council has been called for Thursday and Friday 10 examine the stewards' report at the Canadian Grand Prix which alleged virtually all cars were contravening technical regulauons with their high-technology driver aids and suspension sys-

The meeting will also examine the fuel analysis reports of "certain cars and teams" at the San Marino, Spanish, Monaco aod Canadian Grands Prix.

Many observers believe FISA has called this meeting just to force teams to accept their technical regulations proposed for 1994 which would ban all computerised technology from the

Most leading teams, including Williams and McLaren, favour the use of computerised electro- rather than on the race track.

SERRE-CHEVALIER, France - Lac de Madine. which secured out Colombian Alvaro Mejia and

(AFP) - Miguel Indurain tight- Indurain the vellow jersey, his the Spaniard after the gruelling

attack the Spaniard from the start

of the mountains to on turn the

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his first Tour stage win by edging

tors able to stay with him.

tion later, expecting more in the

Q.4-East-West vulnerable, as

South you hold: •AK9832 "A7 \1072 •K3

Partner opens the bidding with one

A .- Shame on you for thinking

we're trying to trick you! By no

standard is your hand worth a jump

shift to two spades—neither the high-card strength nor the suit quality is sufficient. Respond one

spade and see what partner rebids.

Q.5-As South, vulnerable, you

A.—We know many players would

respond one no trump in the hope of finding a red-suit fit, especially

those playing forcing no-trump re-sponses. However, our experience is

sponses. However, our experience is that it is best to pass this type of

hand—it gets ugly when partner re-

Q.6-Both vulnerable, as South

you hold:

•QJ4 73 (AQ987 +AJ94

Your right-hand opponent opens
the bidding with four bearts. What

action do you take?

A.—Hardly a robust hand, and only three spades to boot. However.

should you pass the euction will anrely end right there, and the op-ponents could be steeling you blind.

By and large, a double (for takeout, of course, though partner can con-

vert) stands to gain more than it

loses in the long run.

beart. What do you respond?

Instead it was Indurain who

The 32 year-old Swiss snatched

Indurain takes control of Tour de France

challengers knew t

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

The Moroccans have won five

and drawn two of eight previous World Cup clashes, and in three visits to Dakar the North Afri-

eould pave the way for Sene-

groups, playing on a mini-league basis and scheduled for completion by Oct. 10, will represent Africa at the finals, the first to be staged in the United States.

displaying both exciting racing

and high technology to a worl-

Several smaller teams, howev-

cr. have objected. They say it is

too expensive and reduces the

influence of the drivers. Technol-

ogy, the argument runs, has made

the sport less exciting, the racing

less close and the spectacle less

Saturday but failed to reach

unanimous agreement - re-

quired for any changes to regula-

tions by the concorde agreement

governing the sport - on the way

Leading French engine manu-

facturers Renault, who supply their VIU power units to Wil-

liams, have said they will consider

withdrawing from the sport if

have said they are prepared to

consider taking legal action

against FISA if their technology

If this happened it would

almost certainly leave the out-

come of this year's championship

to be decided in courtrooms

Lans and Serre Chevalier.

But hy then Indurain already

knew he had achieved his main

Italia: challengers Claudio

the highest climb of the day.

Breukink lost 3min 32sec to drop

from second overall to tenth.

while Roche saw his form col-

The real victims, however,

were Chiappucci and Bugno,

whose Tour hopes as good as

vanished as they limped home,

Bugno more than seven and a half minutes back and Chaippucci

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Indurain now leads the event

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Both McLaren and Williams

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Teams met at Silversione

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out and have fun.' Jack McDowell of the Chicago White Sox was the winning pitcher. San Francisco's John Burkett took the loss.

American

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BALTIMORE, Maryland (AFP)

without an extra-base hit in eight

previous all-star appearances,

smacked a home run and a run-

scoring double to give the American League (AL) a 9-3 victory

over the National League (NL) in

be here. My numbers are down,"

Puckett said. "(But) I've always

gone out and played bard every

A crowd of 48,147 at Camden

Yards watched the At win its

sixth straight victory over the NL

honour squad. Pucket was named

the game's Most Valuable Player.

"I've felt' real good at the plate," Puckett said. "I didn't try

to do anything different, just go

"Some people say I shouldn't

baseball's All-Star here,

Minnesota's Kirby Puckett,

Game

wins

"We had a good time out there, but the Al killed us," NL dutfielder Bobby Bonds said. "We went out confident, but those guys are powerhouses out there.

Ivan Rodriguez of Texas opened the AL's big fifth inning by hitting a fly that lodged between two pads in the left field wall for a ground-rule double. Rodriguez took their base on a sacrifice and scored on a single to right by Cleveland's Belle.

Belle scored on a double to right field by Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. to put the Al ahead 4-2. Puckett followed with a double to left to bring Griffey home.

The NL pulled within 5-3 in the sixth inning when San Francisco's Bonds doubled, took third on a single by Florida's Gary Sheffies and scored on a sacrifice fly by Cincinnati's Barry Larkin. But the AL all-stars responded in their half of the inning.

Toronto's Devon White hit a run-scoring double. White and Belle later scored from third base on wild pitches by Atlanta's John Smoltz, boosting the NL margin

Oakland's Terry Steinbach sent home the final run with a double off the top of the right-field wall. The AL began its scoring on

Marseille hope for Athens trip

GENEVA (AFP) — Olympique Marseille were drawn against AEK Athens in the European Champions Cup here Wednesday, amidst speculation they may not be allowed to defend their

Marseille's participation in next season's lournament is in doubt because of the matchrigging scandal at home. The club's General Manager jean-Pierre Bernes and defender Jean-Jacques Eyudelie are accused of trying 10 bribe three Valenciennes players to throw a league match on May 20.

UEFA is giving the French Federation until Aug. 30 to decide whether to replace Marseille with another team, but the union has also reserved the right to make any changes it wishes at any stage of the competioon.

Paris St. Germain were the league runners-up last season. AC Milan, the team who Marseille beat 1-0 in the Cup final at Munich, have been drawn against a team from the preliminary round, as have several of the other top seeds in the competi-

Manchester United, who won the Cup Winners' Cup in 1991, return to the fray against Hungary's Kisped Honved, while Glasgow Rangers drew Levski

Werder Bremen of Germany should sweep past Dynamo Minsk of Belarus, but Johan Cruyff's Barcelona could be in trouble against Dynamo Kiev.

Two other continental big guns drew minoons from next month's preliminary round, Feyenoord facing either Partisan Tirana of Albania or Akranes of Iceland and Anderlecht getting HJK Helsinki or Estonians Norma Tal-

In the European Cup Winner's Cup, the top-seeded clubs also have the luxury of playing teams who had to pass a preliminary round to qualify.

Italian holders Parma take on either Sliema Wanderers of Malia. or Sweden's Degersfors, while Paris St. German, if they are not suddenly catapulated into the Champions Cup, take on Apoel, Nicosia or Northern Ireland's

Torino will be heading to Estonia and Nikol Talinn, or Norway and Lillestroem. English Premier League club

Arsenal drew the winner of a qualifier between Odense of Denmark and Slovenian club Publikum, while Aberdeen will meet a Scandinavian side - either Valur of Iceland or Finland's Anjalank-

Cardiff City were not so fortunate and drew top Belgian club Moscow. Standard Liege, who were

In the UEFA Cup. holders Juventus open the defence of their title in Russia, against Lokomotiv Moscow, a tie which should go the Italians' way.

The same can be said for the Calcio's two other representatives, Lazio, who start at home to Bulgarians Lokomotiv Plovdiv, and Inter Milan, who travel to Rapid Bucharest.

British clubs have little to celebrate, with Norwich City drawing the Dutch of Vitesse Arnhem and Aston Villa travelling to the Czech Republic to face Slovan Bratislava.

Hearts have an uphill task against Atletico Madrid, although Celtic are at home to Swiss club Young Boys Bern, while Dundee United face Danish side Bronddy, also on Scottish

Elsewhere, Bayern Munich face Belgian club Twente Enschede, while their compatriots from the Bundesliga, SC Karlsruhe, were given an umpleasant surprise in the shape of PSV Findhoven.

Eintracht Frankfurt were not much luckier drawing Dynamo

Monaco face Tenerife, the runners-up in their league last team who have denied Real Madrid the Spanish championship for

the past two seasons. First round first leg matches will be played on Sept. 14 and 15.

with the second legs on Sept. 28

and 29.

However, the fixtures in all of the fournaments are being overshadowed by the future of

UEFA's, id Tuesday that it had included Marseille in the draw because "the (alleged corruption) investigations have not been completer. There is therefore no reason to keep them out,"

But UEFA, and separately the French League, have made it eleur that it the charges are proved, there is little chance of Marseille or no allowed to continue in Europe next season.

Noel Le Great, the League president. 1: 1d France Soir newspaper Wed. . Jay: "It is certain that Marseille will start the French championship, whatever happens ... but as for the European Cup. i;'s not sure.

"I am not sure that Marseille will be taking part in this competition.

Brasilia may be asked to withdraw Olympic bid -- IOC

LONDON (R) — Brasilia may be asked to withdraw its substandard bid for the 2000 Olympics, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch said Wednesday.

Brasilia was castigated earlier this week in a technical report compiled by the IOC on the six candidates bidding for the 2000

The report said the bid was motivated mainly by local politics and lacked any discernible connection with sport.

"If they (Brasilia) don't have the support of sport in their country and their National Olympic Committee (NOC), maybe il would be better for them to withdraw," Mr. Samaranch told a news conference in London.

The IOC meets in Monte Carlo on Sept. 23 to select the 2000 Olympic host city from a six-pack of candidates — Peking Berlin, Brasilia, Istanbul, Manchester and Sydney.

A scathing report on Brasilia said the bid was generally below the required standard, that the city had virtually no adequate sports facilities and was desperly short of sports exp

But although it is clearly an ambarrassment to the IOC, the Olympic governing body has no power to compel the Brazilians to withdraw their bid.

'As you know, it is a very weak

bid, but we cannot force them to withdraw," Mr. Samaranch said, But he noted that Brasilia had already been asked in February to pull out when it appeared to lack support by the Brazilian

"We asked once, maybe we will ask again," Mr. Samaranch added.

Brazilian IOC member Joao Havelange, president of FIFA. the International Soccer Federation, has sought to marshal support among other Latio American members in order to prevent Brasilia being thoroughly hamiliated in Monaco.

Although it is clearly without a shred of hope of obtaining the games, there is concern within the IOC that Brasilia's inclusion on the ballot paper in Monte Carlo could distort the voting process and cause a serious knock-on effect among the other candidates.

The IOC is also concerned at

ding process by the U.S. House of Representatives which has passed a resolution strongly opposing Peking's candidature on human rights grounds.
"We respect all the govern-

ments in the world but the governments must also respect our independence," Mr. Samaranch Although some senior IOC

officials have expressed fears that U.S. political interference could spark a boycott of the 1996 Atlan-ta Olympies, IOC Director-General Francois Carrard said he was confident the issue would beresolved.

"I thick we can say we are rather confident that the matter will be settled quite reasonably," Mr. Carrard said, although he could not specify how it would be resolved. Meanwhile Turkey will investi-

gate the source of a leaked technical report on the six cities bidding to stage the 2000 Olympic games, a spokesman for the Istanbul 2000 Olympic Bidding Committee said Wednesday.

The report, which was leaked to the German News Agency DPA last week in Berlin, was

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For more informati-

favoured Sydney as the hosis. This is the first time in the bidding process for the 2000 Summer Olympics that a shadow has fallen across the ethics of the competition." Atilla Aksoy. director of communications for the committee, said in a written statement.

"Whi!: the damaging state-ments have been refuted by the official report, the Turkish committee would investigate the source of the conspiracy.

The report said the Istanbul bid had widespread support and its financial plans were solid and viable. It also praised the city's environmental improvement plans and hotel capacity.

But it expressed concern at traffic congestion and telecommunications shortages of the city and said only one sports venue met Olympic standards. British bookmakers said

Wednesday Maochester_has moved past Peking into second place in the race to host the 2000 Summer Olympics.

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Australian breaks world swimming record

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- Australia's Kleren Perkins Chiapped and Jianni Bugno on converted 24 hours of annoyance The peloton blew apart up the 2.645m Galibier, with the leading into a 1.500 metres freestyle short-course world record

trio escaping with Pole Zenon Jaskula and American And Wednesday.
On the last night of the inaugu-Hampsten after chasing down an ral Oceania/Asia Grand Prix earlier breakaway.
The only other riders capable meeting. Olympic champion Per-kins clocked 14 minutes 26.52 of matching the scorching pace were Dutchman Erik Breukink seconds to slice 5.88 seconds from the mark be set in Canberra io and Ireland's Stephen Roche, but February 1992.

It was the seventh world record the 19-year-old Australian had set in the last 18 months.

Frustrated and angry at allowing New Zealand's Danyon Loader to snatch the 400 metre event, Petkins gave full vent to his feel-

"I really didn't expect to do anything tonight after the 400 last night ... which wasn't a fabulous swim for me," Perkins told repor-

"I wasn't very happy last night so it gave me a lot of things to do Breukink and Rominger, both names as potential winners betonight and I went out to see how fore the event, are at 5:07 and well I could improve on them." 5:44 respectively. Thursday's 180km stage takes Perkins went out more slowly place between Serre-Chevalier

than in his Canberra record swim and worked steadily at getting under world-record schedule. At 700 metres he was 3.2 seconds off world-record pace, at

I,100 just one second off. At time of I4 minutes 50.07 seconds. 1,200 he was inside the schedule and on his way to the record. Perkins touched almost 50 metres ahead of his nearest rival. fellow-Australian Daniel Kowalski who clocked a personal best

Perkins proved himself the

world's outstanding distance swim mer at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics when he scattered all his rivals and won the 1,500 title.

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Yemeni Jews taken to Israel in secret

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israel has secretly brought 246 Jews to the "promised land" over the last 12 months fom Yemen, immigration officials revealed Wednesday.

Uri Gordon, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, told a press conference at an absorption centre in Rehovot, south of Tel Aviv, that the operation, launched in August last year with six families, would cononue.

The immigrants arrive in small batches via a European capital, but military censors had blacked out details in a bid to protect about 1.000 Jews soll living in Yemen and working mainly as goldsmiths and jewellers.

The lastest group to reach Israel was 40 strong. The new arrivals were said to be "very

Mr. Gordon said 189 of the immigrants arrived this year and 57 during 1992 making a total of 40 families and eight bachélors. Ninety of the total of 246 bad been settled in a centre in Ashkelon, on the coast further south of

Details of immigration of Jews from countries technically at war with Israel are regarded as military information and subject to

In April 1992, then Absorptioo Minister Yitzhak Peretz caused a farore when he revealed that Israel was working behind the scenes to organise the return home of the last 1,500 Jews living

Last March, the ultra-orthodox newspaper Yated Neeman reported that 100 Jews from Yemen had emigrated secretly to Israel and complained that they had beeo settled at a secular absorp-

tion centre in Rehovot. Between June 1949 and July 1950 some 43,000 Yemeni Jews emigrated to Israel in an airlift dubbed "Operation Magic Carpet." Some 16,000 others arrived in Palestine before the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

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According to official figures some 2,000 Yemeni Jews arrived in Israel after 1950.

The Maariv newspaper, which broke the story Wednesday, said the immigrants were steeped in ancient Jewish customs and speak a strongly accepted Biblical Heb-

The women wear brightlycoloured pantaloons and the men ritual dress and a kippa head covering, but integration proves difficult, the daily said, noting the frequency of bigamy and child

Mr. Gordon said some of the immigrants, who started arriving in August 1992, wanted to return to Yemen.

'Some immigrants just don't have the moral fiber and strength needed for the difficult absorption process. We shall of course try to do everything possible to convince them to stay," Mr. Gordon said.

Reports in the Israeli press said ome of the 264 immigrants faced adjustment difficulties because of their strict religious observances and conservative traditions.

One man identified as Suliman Boni came with two wives and eight children. Mr. Boni is only entitled to government belp in purchasing one home, but was quoted saying he needs two because the women do not get

Another case involves a couple, age 15 and 13; with an infant. They are technically underage to receive Israeli housing benefits,

the report said. Many of the new arrivals are related to the veteran immigrants, but were unable to keep in touch over the years because of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Last March, Yemen's then foreign minister, Abdul Karim Al Iryani, confirmed that some Jews had left, and that they were permitted free travel abroad.

Bot he added, "we do not sanction their travel to Israel."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police thwart bid to found new Golan settlement

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli police foiled a bid by several dozen Jewish settlers to found a new settlement on the Golan Heights Wednesday, the authorities said. Settlers from the occupied West' Bank and Gaza Strip drove five trucks loaded with prefabricated homes to a site in the porth of the strategic plateau but police had been tipped off. Some 12,000 Israelis live in 33 settlements on the

Violence flares up as arrests continue in Karachi

KARACHI (AFP) — Violence flared here Wednesday with arson attacks on government-owned enterprises as mass arrests of workers for an ethnic party in Pakistan's Sindh province topped 250 after three days, police sources said. Workers of the Mohajir Quami Movement (MQM), an urban ethnic party with strongholds in Karachi and Hyderabad, were being charged by police with promoting violence. MQM leader Ishtiaq Azhar denied the charges, saying the MQM was being accused of the attacks to create electoral confusion and stop people from voting in July 22 by-elections. In the early hours Wednesday, the offices of the local electricity billing office was set on fire, police sources said. Arson attacks on a post office and a telephone and telegraph office were also reported by the fire brigade.

Two more die in Congo's political strife

BRAZZAVILLE (AFP) - A soldier killed two unarmed youths as political tension mounted between Congolese pro-government forces and the opposition in Brazzaville, reliable sources said Wednesday. The shooting incident occurred overnight as the youths, sons of a close associate of former Prime Minister Andre Milongo, drove in their father's Land Rover past an army camp in the southern Bacongo district. As they passed the base, one of the youths jokingly called on his brother to open fire, and the soldier then shot at the vehicle, instantly killing one boy, while the other died later of his wounds in hospital, the sources said. Neither was armed, but both were wearing the balaclavas used by opposition supporters. Bacongo is an opposition stronghold and they had been told to help their father move house, joining hundreds of people fleeing their homes for fear of violence.

Rabbi suggests Manning tried suicide

TEL AVIV (AP) - A rabbi suggested Wednesday that Robert Manning may have tried to commit suicide by swallowing pills to avoid being extradited to the United States. Mr. Manning, 41, is wanted in connection with the 1980 murder of a California woman. His extradition was delayed at the last minute Tuesday when an airliner refused to fly him because he was ill. Israeli reports said Mr. Manning was still being treated at a jail infirmary Wednesday, a day after taking 20 sleeping pills to avoid being sent for trial in Los Angeles. It was unclear when he would he flown to the United States. Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, a former right-wing legislator from the Kiyrat Arba settlement in the occupied West Bank, where Mr. Manning lived, said Mr. Manning bas indicated to him he would prefer death to imprisonment in the United States.

Algerian leftist gases would-be stranglers

ALGIERS (R) - An Algerian politician escaped an attempt to strangle him by spraying his attackers with gas from an aerosol can. the official news agency APS reported on Wednesday. Ahmad Meliani, a leader of the ano-fundamentalist movement DEFI, was attacked Monday by three men who tried to strangle him with a rope in the entrance to his apartment building in the eastern town of constanone, it said. DEFI is the Arabic acronym for the Movement for Progress, Modernity and Democracy, set up last year by leaders of the former Communist Party. It has demanded the banning of all Muslim fundamentalist parties and tougher action against Muslim activists blamed for a wave of violence that has swept Algeria in the last 18 months. Last September a communist activist was shot dead in Constantine in an attack blamed on Muslim militants.

Colin Powell gets Saudi medal

Aziz Medar for his role in the Golf war against Iraq. It said Gen. Powell received the medal, one of the kingdom's highest awards and named after its founder, from King Fahd on his arrival in the western coastal city of Jeddah late Tuesday for the third leg of a Gulf tour, the Saudi News Agency reported Wednesday. The General also met the Saudi defence minister, Prince Sultan Ben Abdul Aziz, to discuss the Gulf situation and plans to boost



PRINCE ALI VISITS BOSNIANS: His Royal Highness Prince Ali Ben Al Hussein Wednesday visited Bosnian families hosted by Jordan at Umm Teena school in Amman. Prince Ali was briefed on the facilities offered to the Bosnians and heard their needs and demands. The Prince was received upon arrival at the school building by Minister of Awqui

and Islamic Affairs Abdul Salam Al Abadi, who heads the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO), and several officials. Dr. Abbadi briefed the Prince on the needs of the Bosnian families and programmes and plans prepared by the JHCO

Global divide, perceptions of Islam in focus at Al al Bait debate

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The continuing East-West divide and a reinvenation of fundamental Islam were the main themes of the second day of discussions of the ninth conference of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al

Prominent Islamie theologians and scholars from Egypt, Jordan, Iran, Pakistan, Bosnia, Senegal and Europe presented papers on various aspects of the conferences theme — Man and the Future Civilisation: An Islamic Perspective.

The shortcomings of Musims in science and technology as well as their adoption of Western cultures drew condemnation from all participants. Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, an

Iranian scholar who teaches Islamic studies at the University of George Washington in the United States, blasted contemporary Islamic movements for creating an intellectual vacuum by ignoring or oppos-ing scholarly and spiritual achievements of Islamic civi-

He said Muslims who emulated Western habits, traditions and ways of thought, compled with "puritanical re-formers" were the main reason for the demise of Muslims and

Somalia

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ploy its 800 soldiers in the city

with the 1,600 others in provinces

north of Mogadishu uoless agree-

ment could be reached on a new

Italy, formerly the colonial

power in Mogadishu, has sent the

second largest contingent of

troops to Somalia after the Un-

Rome has crideised the U.N.

role in a raid in which the Inter-

national Committee of the Red

Cross said 54 people were killed

More than 4,000 American

troops are in Somalia, including

The Somali leaflets closed with

a strident call "to all Muslim

countries in the world to kill

Americans in their countries."

widely distributed in the southern

sector of the city controlled by

fugitive warlord Mohammad Far-

The leaflets - which were

the elite Quick Reaction Force,

which is backed by air power.

approach to peacekeeping.

ited States.

and 174 wounded.

"The opposite forces of

modernism and puritanical reform were joined in their rejection or criocism of much of Islamic civilisation with catastrophic results for that civilisation," Dr. Nasr told an audience of scholars and theologians attending the conference.

The renowned Sheikh Mohammad Ghazali of Egypt supported Dr. Nasr's basic message. "Muslims in this century are unsuccessful because they either misunderstand or misapply Islam," he said.
"The inability to become a

scientifically oriented society which the Mushims once were is one of the reasons wby four million Jews were able to defeat 200 million Arabs, Sheikh Gazali told his audi-

Human rights, said the Egyptian sheikh, were one of the first coocepts to be embraced by Muslims and "1 wonder why our women are not given their rights as stated in the Koran to this very day." Poverty and need in most Moslim countries, Sheikh Gazali said, are nothing more than the 'fruit of corrupt regimes which rule most of the

Muslim World." Heated discussions broke out between Muslims Sheikhs and scholars over the issue of who implements the Koran. Sheikh Yousef Oardawi was

rah Aideed - came two days

after American belicopters bom-

barded an alleged command cen-

tre of gunmen loyal to Gen.

Aideed, according to the Red

Cross, 54 Somalis were killed in

Four foreign journalists were

murdered by enraged mobs near

the scene and two others were

injured by Somalis wielding

rocks, knives and guns. Some

nations bave condemned the

attack and urged the 29-nation

U.N. force to return to its huma-

Aid officials - confined to

their compounds since the bom-

bardment Monday — say local employees of bumanitarian agen-

cies have reported rumours of

They said weapons were being

moved elandestinely through

some southern areas of the city

and said the potential for attacks

Most foreign aid workers spent

a second straight day in their

against foreigners remained.

nitarian mission.

reprisal attacks.

compounds.

one of several speakers opposed to the concept that man executes the wishes of God on earth as Dr. Ali Othman suggested.

"God is the only one with whose will things happen; man is in another sphere," said Sheikb Qardawi, an Egyptian.

Theological and humanistic eoncepts were stressed by Pakistani speaker Dr. Javid Igbal, who told the audience that one of the most important contributions of Islamie civilisadon was its ability to "the moral uplift of man" which was the "amalgamation of man's spiritual dimension with the temporal and material."

More terrestrial issues, however, were touched upon by Senegalese speaker Abdullah Bah, who talked about a fading of Islamic culture io black Africa where people were turning away from monotheism and "returning to their pre-moootheistie religions and customs."

For Ismail Baltech, a Bosnian Muslim living in Austria, the theme of a return to Islam in search of spiritual comfort and protection dominated his discourse. The people of Bosoia are reawakening to the teachings of Islam as a means of protection in the face of exterminatioo, Mr. Baltech

The conference ends Thurs-

said.

Palestinians

the Middle East until July 18, the senior official said.

Israeli Foreign Mianister Shimon Peres said Wednesday peace talks with Palestinians would remain deadlocked as long as they insisted on raising the status of

"What is the point of standing with drawn daggers and arguing with each other," Mr. Peres told army radio. "On Jerusalem, at best the Arabs will have to agree to live without agreement. But we can make progress on other

Hanan Ashrawi said Mr. Ross would now work on a new compromise document after the

draft. Dr. Ashrawi saw a "possibil-

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Jerusalem at this stage.

Palestinian spokeswoman Palestinians rejected the first

ity" that Mr. Christopher would visit the Middle East shortly followiog up Mr. Ross's mission.

FAO report warns of starvation in Iraq

than cash.'

cash of \$2.5 billion.

The report said Iraq will need

Independent market surveys

carried out in urban and rural

areas showed a pheoomenal in-

crease in food prices. The price of

wheat has increased 355 fold be-

tween June 1990 and June 1993.

Rice costs 70 times more than it

"The mission's investigation

showed that personal incomes, in

terms of purchasing power, have virtually collapsed," and an "in-

creasing number of children were

dropping out of school to enter

petty trading to supplement their

The mission found that for a

large section of the population

the coping mechanisms are fast

running out ... it should be noted

that the (government's) food aid

has so far covered five to seven

per cent of the total population of

Iraq. The needs of the country

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lack of farm machinery, spare

parts and water pumps were the

main hindrance in Iraqi efforts to

mechanical operations by manual labour has led to inordinate de-

lays in planting and harvesting

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Livestock numbers have con-

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The mission also noted that

family income." it said.

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report said.

did before the invasion, it said.

to import 5.4 million tonnes of

assorted food between June 1993

BAGHDAD (AP) — Signs of Beggars have become a comfamine have been detected in mon sight on Iraqi streets and Iraq, and a U.N. agency says a more of them ask for food rather 'grave human tragedy'' could unfold if no steps were taken to alleviate growing suffering.

The English-language government daily Baghdad Observer and July 1994 at an estimated said Wednesday that the warning was contained in an assessment report by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The newspaper published ex-cerpt of the purported report, which seemed to support the government's arguments for lifting a three-year-old U.N. embago imposed after Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait. It coincided with a new stan-

doff with the United Nations after Baghdad refused to allow installation of surveillance cameras at missile-testing sites, insisting it would cooperate with the effort - one of the Gulf war ceasefire terms - if the embargo was lifted, or eased.

It also came as negotiations continued in New York with an Iraq team over the possible oneome sale of \$1.6 billion worth of Iragi oil to finance food and other essential purchases.

The Observer said the findings were compiled by international experts from FAO, the World Food Programme and the food supply assessment mission who toured 17 Iraqi provinces June 14-28

The report said the mission found "prevalence of commonly recognised pre-famine indica-

It said: "There is soaring unemployment, drastically reduced food intake, larger scale depletion of private assets, high morbidity level, escalating crime rates and rapidly increasing number of destitute people.

Sarbanes: End of boycott needed for Mideast peace

WASHINGTON (USA) — Ending the Arab economic boycott of Israel is a necessary step if peace is to be achieved between Israel and Arab states, Senator Paul Sarbanes said Tuesday.

Mr. Sarbanes, a Democrat from Maryland, spoke on the Middle East peace process and U.S. foreign policy during B'nai B'ritb's district five convention held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel

Mr. Sarbanes, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, chairs the subcommittee on International Economic Policy. Trade, Oceans and Environ-

Commeeting on ending the Arab Boycott of Israel, Mr. Sar-banes said, "I think it is very important that we achieve a breakthrough there."

He noted that the communique issued at the Group of Seven summit in Tokyo called for an end to the Arab boycott and that the U.S. Congress has worked to "bring pressure as best we can in order to help to achieve that." Mr. Sarbanes said be is con-

cerned that some Arab states "are not willing to take even some minimal steps to help establish a normal relationship" with Israel. "The boycott is a very clear example of that problem. he said,

"Some of the Arab countries have clearly not crossed the important threshold of being prepared to accept Israel as a neighbour and trying to live in peace with it," Mr. Sarbanes said.

"As long as they don't reach that point, as long as their objec-ove remains driving Israel out of the neighbourhood, there is no way you are going to achieve peace. That is the fundamental

divide that has to be crossed," the senator stressed. Outlining the U.S. role in the Middle East peace process, Mr. Sarbanes said "the administration has made a strong commitment there to try to achieve a comprehensive and lasting peace settle-ment." The United States must 'be very careful in the (peace) process ... to be truly a mediator and not be in a position of applying pressures on the parties," Mr. Sarbanes said. "The negotiations have to be between the parties. And it is the parties themselves who bave to work out the modalities of what may be possible and make the judgement of what can contribute to peace in the area." Asked to comment on whether Israel should trade land for peace, Mr. Sarbanes said "the judgement on that question is to be made by the Israelis. I don't see how anyone outside can substitute their judgement."

"They are a democratic country and they choose their leaders and ... determine what their policy is to be. I think we ought to respect that policy making on their part," the senator said.

Asked why the United States does not recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Mr. Sarbanes said. "I personally support the Israeli determination. But that has not been the policy of the U.S. government." Many policymakers fear that if

the status of Jerusalem is decided before a peace settlement is agreed upon the peace process "might be torpedoed," Mr. Sarbanes said. However, the senator added. "my own view is that it might be just as well to have the blow up now than have the blow

Princess Anne in Moscow shooting drama

MOSCOW (R) — Police or

fire to deter a mystery driver who threatened to collide with a con wall voy escorting Britain's Princes are Anne outside Moscow at the weekend, diplomatic sources and [64] media said. The reports said a police bodyguard travelling with ward off the driver who had tried" to cut across the high-speed convoy outside Moscow. The incident happened early last Satur. day as the Princess Royal, Queen Elizabeth's only daughter, was being driven with her oew hos. band to Moscow's Sheremeryero Airport before starting a five-day visit to Mongolia. The newspaper of the commerciant Daily said the direction of the commerciant Daily said the direction of the commerciant Daily said the commerciant Daily said to rample to rampl main car of the convoy which was carrying Princess Anne." Princess 19
Anne, 42, and her husband Tim Laurence were travelling in a Zigell limousine in a five-car party. Sur a British embassy official spores of man denied this version and play ed down the incident. "We have and treated the report by Commer & sant with some scepticism," said earn spokesman Noel Jones. "Had the alleged incident been in any way in a serious and threatened the prohave known at the time." "Af not and time was the princess or her all husband in any danger," Mr.

They're changing the press office at: **Buckingham Palace**

LONDON (R) — They are the changing the press office as well and as the guard at Buckingham Palace. Britain's royal family and plagued by a bad press over at life marital troubles, is getting new marital troubles. press officers drawn partly from this the civil service to smarten up is: image. The new line-up Tiour announced Tuesday, iotroduces 2012 some fresh blood from outside " o the royal court after strong critic and ism of the way palace officials apre handled recent publicity storms 541 A Foreign Office spokeswoman ca Penny Russell-Smith, become brace assistant press secretary to Queen assistant Elizabeth, while heir-fo-21 the throne : Prince Charles will peace have two new information office Ran ers, one of them a woman. The prince's reputation has suffered the because of his separation from his a wife Princess Diana last year North a furore over an alleged romand with confidente Camilla Paries

Diana ends visit to Zimbabwe

HARARE (R) — Britain's Printed to cess Diana wound up her first one visit to Zimbabwe by visiting the huge refugee camp in the east of the manner. the country which houses was thousands of Mozambicans who have thousands of Mozambicans who fled a long-running civil war. The princess, who is scheduled to return home Tuesday night, as the rived in Zimbabwe Saturday with lour projects run by charities had linked to British welfare organisations. She was greeted by the southern African country of the southern of London and the British royal family since gaining independence in 1980.

Start of 'Dangerous' Michael Jackson tour in doubt

HONG KONG (AFP) - Ticke

sales to Michael Jackson's planned concert here in August have been suspended amid fears the pop singer may delay the promoters said Wednesday Sales of tickets here, touted as the first stop on his worldwide post. stop on his worldwide tour, were put on hold by local promoters the 34-year-old American the starting date. The tour the starting date. also includes Singapore, The land, Taiwan. South Kores and Japan. Australia, India, Israel. Turkey and Latin America at also on the map before Jackson takes his show into North Amer ica. Sales of tickets for Jackson's concerts to have been staged ber on Aug. 15 and Aug. 16:31 30,000 seat racing track in suburban Shatin were to have begon Wednesday at outlets of Toral e Music. But a spokeswoman or Tom Lee said the sales of ucker to Jackson's concerts have been postponed until further house.
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Journalist/politician in hot waters with JPA over Israel TV show By P.V. Vivekanand to defend himself if asked to do appreciate the fact that Arabs on the fringes of the Middle

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Another Jordanian journalist has ran afool of the Jordan Press Association (JPA) with an appearance in an Israel Television talk show.

The executive council of the JPA has recommended that Ghazi Sadi. a member of the association, be sent before a disciplinary panel for what it considers as a violation of the code of conduct of Arab journalists.

"Contacts with Israel, or any Israeli institution, are prohibited by the Federation of Arab Journalists, and the JPA council's recommendation that Mr. Sadi appear before the disciplinary committee falls in bis provision." AA

said Wednesday. "It is up to the disciplinary committees to decide whether, Mr. Sadi violated the ban.' added Mr. Qudab.

Mr. Sadi, 57, said he was not officially informed of the JPA decision but that he was ready

"I participated in the Israeli Television show in my capacity as a Palestinian activist and not as a journalist." said Mr. Gazi. an independent member of the Palestine National Council

But, Mr. Oudah said, the JPA stand was that "as long as Mr. Gazi 15 a member of the association his actions would be considered as that of a Jordanian journalist regardless of his or her poliocal background.

Mr. Sadi countered: "The JPA appears to be living in the past. It does not seem to acknowledge that we, the Arabs, are holding direct peace negotiations and it is in our interest brour views and perceptions of

Mr. Sadi's appearance on Israel Television's Hebrew programme "Bepolitika" through a satellite hook-up came three weeks ago. The issue discussed was the Middle East peace process and fol-



lowed an Israeli claim denied by Jordan that the Jewish state and the Kingdom had worked out a "peace agreement."

"I emphasised that Jordan would never sign a . prace accord with Israel without a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian problem," Mr. Sadi.

Another point Mr. Sadi. who speaks fluent Hebrew, tried to make during the show was that the Israeli people should understand and genuinely want peace and that Israel should reciprocate with sincerity.

"Israeli public opinion is very important and is crucial to the peace process." Mr. Sadi told the Jordan Times. "It was an opportunity to address the Israeli people and let them know of the Arab viewpoint and arguments through their own media in their own lan-

guage."
"Why does lordan Televinews programme?" he asked. "Isn't the idea behind it to convey the Arab viewpoint to the Israeli people?"

Mr. Sadi, considered an expert on Israeli affairs and political currents, is the second Jordanian journalist to cross swords with the JPA with an appearance on Israel Televi-

Sultan Hattab, a columnist in the Al Ra'i newspaper and former editor of Sawt Al Shaab, was expelled from the JPA shortly after he gave an interview to Israel Television

East peace conference held in Madrid in October 1991. Mr. Hattab took the JPA to

court. The court ruled that Mr. Hattab's expulsion from the association was null and void since the journalist was not given a chance to be heard hefore a JPA disciplinary committee. It left the door open for the IPA to go through the legal process of expulsion of members through the disciplinary

Another prominent columnist who had also appeared on Israel Television escaped JPA wrath by publishing an apology in his column.

Mr. Sadi was an Israeli Arab from the village of Akaa near the border with Lebanon. The Israelis expelled him in 1977 and he came to Jordan and renounced his Israeli passport.

The veteran journalist with more than 30 years of experience set up the Dar Al Jalil research centre io 1978. The centre offers facilities for studies on Palestinian affairs and Hebrew-language courses.

